

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Trade Campaign

THE promotion of East-West trade has to date remained more in the realm of hopeful expectation than tangible realisation. But this does not mean it is right to discount completely the efforts which are being made to foster expansion of trading contracts between Britain, Soviet Russia and Communist China. The prime obstacle to the movement is Britain's unwilling acceptance of her obligation not to transact deals with the Communists involving strategic commodities. And it is this which requires that the French Press Agency forecast of a "sensational trade offer" by the Chinese Communists be treated with extreme caution. Many different kinds of offers could rate as "sensational," but they would all be futile if they referred to commodities which continue to figure in the revised embargo list. Britain has a self-imposed limitation when it comes to trading behind the iron and bamboo curtains, and tempting though the offer may be in terms of cash, it will stand no chance of acceptance if, thereby, Britain's obligation to prevent strategic materials from reaching the Communists is compromised.

HONGKONG has more than an academic interest in the current campaign to expand East-West trade. The system of direct trading with West European countries which the Chinese People's Republic is endeavouring to apply is apparently inimical to the welfare of the Colony. Nevertheless it is noteworthy that this was placed in perspective at the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, and that the Chairman was able to declare "It is our belief that the facilities afforded by the Colony in all branches of merchant activities can prove as necessary in the future to trade with China as they have proved in the past." Nor is that expression of confidence based on unreality. Direct trading possesses its pitfalls, and experience will probably show that they can only be avoided by both Chinese and British traders through making use of the services that Hongkong can efficiently provide. The Colony will watch with close interest, but not with despair, the East-West trade promotion campaign.

## WHO IS

### Hongkong's Footballer Of The Year?

THAT is what the China Mail, with the assistance of local soccer fans, is going to discover during the next two weeks.

The current season has been a notable milestone in the history of Hongkong football, with a galaxy of old and new stars demonstrating every week their skill and ability. Thus it is appropriate for the football-loving public to nominate their Footballer of the Year.

To do so, turn to Page 10 in this issue of the China Mail, where you will find a simple nomination form which can be completed in less than a minute.

This nomination form will appear daily in the China Mail up to and including Saturday, May 8.

The two guiding qualifications for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year are: (a) playing ability; (b) sportsmanship on the field of play.

Make your nomination NOW and send it to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.



### Britain's Aim At The Geneva Conference

London, Apr. 23.

The British delegation which is to participate in the forthcoming Geneva Conference will do everything in its power to limit the risk of a world war as a result of a deteriorating situation in the Far East.

It will also strive to maintain Western solidarity and to obtain a cease-fire in Indo-China in order to enable a modus vivendi.

The third point of this three-fold programme is regarded as the most difficult to achieve. There are of course other aims which are considered as of secondary importance such as, for instance, the question of the peaceful unification of Korea which tops the list on the Geneva agenda. The British delegation believes that it is as impossible to achieve as the unification of Germany and their interest is above all centred on the vital issue of Indo-China which is at stake in this conference.

The British delegation believes, however, that the Korean question will serve to set the tempo of the conference. The question of a simultaneous withdrawal of foreign troops will naturally be discussed. If the Chinese, as it is believed, prefer to discuss the question of the prisoners, such an agenda will be accepted. If, however, the Indo-Chinese problem is raised, the British delegation's attitude will be as follows:

(1) A military truce must be preceded by a political agreement; (2) The political agreement must be negotiated by the two belligerent powers which must recognise each other as such. It must not consist in a political compromise with Communists and anti-Communists in a single government; (3) The principle of a territorial partition is acceptable.—France-Press.

### Incendiary Bomb Kills Workman

Grays, Essex, Apr. 23.

A war-time incendiary bomb exploded on a refuse dump here last night killing a 50-year-old Council workman, Mr H. Bannister.—China Mail Special.

### Mau Mau Round-Up Operation

Nairobi, Apr. 23.

Nearly 8,000 troops and police, European and African Home Guards, moved into position in Nairobi tonight, ready to begin the biggest comb out of Mau Mau suspects in Kenya's emergency.

Before dawn tomorrow, 5,000 British and African troops, with every available policeman in the Nairobi district, will have swung into action to clear the capital of thousands of suspected Mau Mau supporters.

In one gigantic swoop, the authorities hope to screen between 30,000 and 40,000 Kikuyu, Embu and Meru tribesmen and detain some 5,000 Mau Mau gangsters, spivs, robbers, and pickpockets. Those detained will be held in special camps.—Reuters.

### Suggested Cure

London, Apr. 23.

Mrs M. Hudson, London expert on juvenile delinquency, has recommended brown bread and raw vegetables as a cure for bad girls.

"A great deal of juvenile delinquency is to do with digestion," she said.—China Mail Special.

## Russian Diplomats In Australia Recalled

### SEQUEL TO THE PETROV CASE Strong Soviet Protest

London, Apr. 23.

Russia tonight demanded the recall of all Australian diplomats from Moscow as a result of the Petrov asylum case and announced that her ambassador and all other diplomatic staff in Australia had been ordered back to the Soviet Union.

In a note to the Australian Government, the Russians protested against Australia's action in giving refuge to Mr Vladimir Petrov, former Soviet secret police agent in Australia, and "kidnapping" his wife as she was flying back to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, said the note was handed over to Mr Brian Hill, Australian Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mr Andrei Gromyko.

It repeated earlier Russian charges that Petrov had stolen money and demanded that he be handed over to the Soviet Union as a criminal.

The Russian note said that since Petrov left the Soviet Embassy on April 3, the Australian authorities had taken a series of steps calculated to exacerbate still further relations with the USSR and to create impossible conditions for the diplomatic representation of the Soviet Union in Australia.

The note repeated allegations made earlier by the Soviet Embassy in Canberra that Petrov had taken a large sum of state money and demanded that he should be arrested and handed over as a criminal.

These demands, today's note said, had so far not been met by the Australian Government. The Soviet Government demanded the immediate return of the "criminal" Petrov and of his "kidnapped" wife and the punishment of those responsible in the affair.

Announcing the recall of Soviet diplomatic personnel from Australia, the note said this was necessary in view of the events which "represent a threat to the safety of the Soviet personnel in Australia."

Sir William Hayter, the British Ambassador in Moscow, today suddenly cancelled a car trip to Yalta, the Crimean resort, planned for tomorrow (Saturday).

The British Embassy would give no reason for the Ambassador's action. In London experts in diplomatic practice expressed the view that the Russian action amounted to a diplomatic breach and expected the two Governments would now nominate other Powers to look after their interests in each other's capital.—Reuters.

### MOVE FAST REQUEST

Moscow, Apr. 23.

Russia wants the Australian Embassy staff to leave the country within two or three days, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, told the Australian Charge d'Affaires, Mr Brian Hill, today. Mr Hill said the Embassy staff would endeavour to go on Sunday night via Helsinki.—Reuters.

He did not know yet whether this could be done.

Mr Hill said: "It is a matter for handling at the very highest level of the Government of Australia and it is not possible for me to make any comment on the merits of the affair."

Answering a reporter's question, he said it was not easy to vacate an Embassy at such notice. "It is going to be very difficult."

Mr Hill was summoned to the Soviet Foreign Ministry by a telephone call at 2.15 p.m. which set the interview for 4 p.m. "If Mr Hill was not otherwise engaged."

The Charge d'Affaires, who arrived in Moscow only last October, stayed with Mr Gromyko for 15 minutes while the Deputy Foreign Minister gave him the main points of a six-page Soviet note through an interpreter.

Mr Hill later informed Sir William Hayter, the British Ambassador, who immediately cancelled a projected trip to Yalta, Crimea, on which he was due to start early on Saturday.—Reuters.

### Child Murderer Hanged

Edinburgh, Apr. 23.

John Lynch, 45-year-old Irish labourer who murdered two little girls last December, was hanged in prison here today. The children, Lesley Sinclair, 4, and Margaret Johnson, 3, were found asphyxiated in a tenement room.—China Mail Special.

### New Phone Service For Patients

London, Apr. 23.

Patients in Acton Hospital here will soon be able to dial friends and relations direct from a mobile telephone call box wheeled to their bedside. The idea, first of its kind in Britain, was copied from Canada.—China Mail Special.

### Prince On Forged Cheque Charge

London, Apr. 23.

Prince Nicolouda, 21, son of ex-Queen Alexandra of Yugoslavia, appeared at a Bow Street, London, Police Court today on a charge of obtaining £120 by means of a forged cheque as well as two solid silver hair brushes from a Piccadilly shop under false pretences.

The Prince, who holds an Oxford University degree, gave his silver-topped walking stick to the policeman on duty when he went into the dock.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday and the young Prince was released on bail.—France-Press.

## RUSSIA'S AIMS ARE UNCHANGED

Paris, Apr. 23.

The North Atlantic Council declared after a one-day meeting here today that "the military strength of the Soviet Union and its satellites continues to increase."

A communique said the Council had found no evidence that the ultimate aims of the Soviet Union had altered.

The Council reaffirmed its views that the European Defence Community was in NATO's essential interest and welcomed ratification of the EDC treaty by a number of signatories.

The Council also expressed gratification at the "far-reaching steps" taken by Britain and the United States towards co-operation with the EDC.

The Council paid tribute to the gallantry of the French Union forces in Indo-China and expressed the hope that the Geneva conference would have positive results.

The Council noted with approval that NATO member governments had no intention of recognising the sovereignty of the so-called German Democratic Republic or of treating the German authorities there (in the Soviet zone) as a government.—Reuters.

### Rebels Drive Wedge Into Indo-China Fortress

Hanoi, Apr. 23.

A Vietminh regiment drove a dangerous wedge into the fortress of Dien Bien Phu last night, capturing a key western outpost and the northern half of the airstrip, the French High Command announced today.

The High Command said the peril to the besieged stronghold in Northern Indo-China had grown "more serious."

There were very serious casualties on both sides during the fighting on Thursday night. The battle along the western defences of Dien Bien Phu last night brought the warfare as brutal as any of the First World War.

Eight hundred men of at least one Vietminh battalion fought their way with knives and tommyguns into the French Union positions in an attack which began yesterday afternoon and raged until after dawn this morning.

As the French and Vietminh defenders fought back bitterly with machineguns and mortar fire, the rebels infiltrated between fortified hilltops and hand to hand fighting began. The Vietminh had burrowed trenches through the deep-up rice paddies and were protected as they wriggled along them close to the French positions.

Then they sprang to their feet and attacked, hurling grenades and firing their tommyguns from the hip.

Eyewitness reports reaching Hanoi tonight spoke of desperate efforts to relieve the isolated north-western strong-point, with several hundred French Union troops trying to force their way through 2,000 Vietminh barring the approaches.

Using commando knives, bayonets and hand grenades, the French came within 100 yards of the surrounded position but were thrown back by the Communists, who have been battering the north-western strongpoint with heavy artillery and mortars.—Reuters.

### Drought Continues

London, Apr. 23.

Britain's dry spell, now in its 17th day, showed no signs of breaking today. Clouds covered much of the country and temperature dropped, but the sun was expected to return later.—China Mail Special.



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## Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

# Cultured Pearls Expert Wants To Pay Off Japan's Reparations

Tokyo. Japan's 96-year-old pearl king, Kokichi Mikimoto, wants to live until he's at least 102 so he can repay the world for the Pearl Harbour attack.

The spry, old Mikimoto, who discovered how to grow cultured pearls and has made a fortune raising them, quipped, "I can't afford to die before I am 102."

"Japan has been beaten in war, and I mean to make by myself all the money she needs in reparations payments."

## The Gourmets Are Horrified

French gourmets, accustomed to a three-hour lunch, could hardly stomach the idea of a group of promoters who intend to study French highways with "short order restaurants" where the tourist can get a complete meal in 20 minutes.

Even the name is Americanized. The new eating places will be called "testaurants." A chain of 30 of them is planned about 155 to 180 mile apart along most of France's main highways.—United Press.

An exaggerated idea, perhaps, but cultured pearls earn badly-needed dollars for the island empire. Last year this country exported \$4,930,000 worth of pearls, 67 per cent of them to the United States.

The other major buyers, taking from 4 to 5 per cent of Japan's output, were Italy, Switzerland, France and Germany.

Japan's cultured pearl industry, with practically a world monopoly, attracts many tourists who want to learn how Mikimoto created nature by forcing oysters to grow pearls, whether they wanted to or not.

It was no easy job. Born the son of a poor noodle vendor, Mikimoto failed time after time before he produced his first semi-circular pearl.

It took him another 12 years to track his bulky oysters into producing round pearls.

Basically, pearl culturing is simple. Between May and August three-year-old oysters

are hauled from their ocean beds by women divers and a tiny granule of mother-of-pearl is stuck into the flesh of each oyster.

**THEY'RE FUSSY**  
Back in the ocean, the oyster, its tender body irritated by the sharp-edged granule, secretes calcium carbonate in countless thin layers, forming a smooth surfaced pearl.

But Mikimoto learned the hard way that oysters are particular about their working conditions. Oysters will grow pearls only if they live in water filled with plankton, microscopic sea life on which they feed, and in water no colder than 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

They must be in bays or inlets with calm water, not deep, where warm currents always flow. Cold currents, fresh water and heavy rains kill an oyster's enthusiasm for breeding pearls.

Pearls come in multitude of colours — pink, white, silver, cream, yellow, grey, blue and black—and Japanese producers have learnt the tastes of various nationalities.

They say Europeans and Americans prefer pink pearls, orientals white and Southeast Asians yellow.

The women divers who make lady's pearls possible are one of the hardest breeds of females in the world. They start their underwater work at 11 or 12, diving to a fathom or so, but they can swim several fathoms deep by the time they are 17 or 18.

Diving without breathing aids, some can remain submerged for as long as three minutes at a stretch, but the average time under water is about a minute and a half. No men or boys are used as pearl divers, because the Japanese believe that women can stand the chilling water better.

They not only live for oysters but also clear oyster beds of weeds and drive away octopuses.—United Press.

## She's Out To Improve Movie Industry

New York. Erlinda Cortes intends to do something to improve the Philippine movie industry.

The Filipino actress is learning how to make movies. She's using money she saved in seven years before she came to school in New York. She hopes to return to her country as an expert on film-making techniques.

The Philippine movie industry is far behind in technical knowledge, she told an interviewer. "All of us are amateurs, dabbling in the art of producing movies," she said. "We've learned by a system of trial and error. We've been getting experiences but little know-how except what we've taught ourselves."

"The Philippine movie industry will survive if those who control it realize the vast improvement it needs to succeed in the foreign market. In its present stage, we can't hope to get a toe-hold in that market."

"We'll have to improve the quality of our picture first. We should produce pictures that appeal to foreign tastes. If an effort is made to understand the foreign public and its pictures are made with an eye to pleasing foreigners, our industry need not die nor remain in its present level of mediocrity."

Miss Cortes wants to be a director when she returns to Manila. She arrived in the United States last November and plans to study here for at least a year.—United Press.

## PREVIEW

Omaha, Neb. It isn't uncommon for a local weather bureau office to receive calls on the first warm days from persons who have been a rebel. But Omaha's recent warm spell here, however, did not elicit such a response. The weather bureau office of the year.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The boss is going home with his headache—and now mine is beginning to feel a lot better!"

## Prehistoric Find In Formosa

Taipei. Chinese anthropological experts have unearthed a well preserved prehistoric skeleton in Formosa which they feel will shed valuable light on mankind evolution and migration.

Found during the excavation of a shell mound, the skeleton has been unofficially dated during the time when Formosa was the bridge between mainland China and the lands which are now islands in Southeast Asian waters.

Professor Li Chi-chih, of the National Taiwan University, said the discovery of the "Formosa Man" may make possible the solving of the missing links between modern Asian civilisation and the ancestral prehistoric times on the mainland. He claims that the discovery may prove to be one of the most valuable of modern times.

The bones were discovered early in April and are a complete skeleton except for a few minor missing parts. The cranium of the skull was scattered but pieces have been segmented together.

A complete upper and lower jaw with seven teeth still attached was found in excellent condition. From the collarbone down to the knees everything was complete except for some broken finger bones.

The diggers hoped to find the legs in the surrounding ground. Professor Li worked down through four layers of excavation before coming upon the skeleton.

Under the final shell layer, some 210 centimetres down, he found the "man" where he had been killed or buried thousands of years ago.

**WHOOPS OF JOY**  
The anthropologist had stumbled upon two other skeletons higher in the shell layers but reluctantly admitted they appeared to be of fairly recent origin. But skeleton number three brought happy whoops of joy from the diggers.

Professor Li said the urgent aim of his project was to definitely trace the link between present day civilisation and the dim prehistoric past. Chinese anthropological experts have long maintained that the islands of Japan, Southeastern Asia and the areas stretching possibly into the South Seas, originally migrated across the Chinese mainland.

They are opposed to the "Kon Tiki" school which claims the South-Sea Islanders came from the coast of South Africa on rafts.

For this reason the discovery of the skeleton on Formosa is considered top-level evidence. The hope to compare him with anthropological specimens found throughout the islands and prove a definite pattern of migration.

They hope to shed revealing light on the age old mystery of Polynesia and where the head-hunters and cannibals actually came from. Perhaps, they feel, the new "Formosa Man" will prove that kooky-headed Chinese started the whole thing.—United Press.

## Comforts For Jack Tar

London. The Royal Navy, battling a wave of lowerdeck unrest, announced details of two new aircraft carriers with the accent on the crew's comfort.

The Admiralty statement noted briefly that the light fleet carriers Centaur and Albion will feature jet-age angled decks and then launched into a detailed description of the new deal for sailors.

The numerous innovations in the tradition-bound Navy appeared to be in answer to the criticism and dissatisfaction which has swept the service and resulted in more than a dozen incidents of deliberate damage to machinery in the past six months.

The sailors' traditional hammock has been banished from the Centaur and Albion. Both will be the first warships of their size to feature canvas bunks, the Navy said. The bunks will be portable and can be stowed during the day, leaving plenty of space for tables, chairs, and, as the Navy put it, "recreational purposes."

**NO MORE COLD FOOD**  
Large dining halls located close to the galleys spells the end of cold food, the Navy hoped. Food will be stored in enlarged refrigerators, cooked on electric stoves and speed to the sailors sealed on tubular steel furniture in air conditioned mess halls.

The ships are equipped with more than 700 electric motors, many of them for "potato peelers, drinking water coolers, photo printing, collar ironing and ice cream making."

Sound reproduction equipment includes loudspeakers in 70 mess and recreational areas, each with a choice of two programmes. "Gramophone recitals, ship studio broadcasts and outside broadcasts," will be carried.

The two carriers, scheduled to go into service this summer, will be manned by about 1,300 officers and men. Both are of more than 18,000 tons and will carry 45 aircraft.—United Press.

## NO APPLAUSE

New Britain, Conn. Mayor John C. Sullivan doesn't like applause when he's on television. It costs too much money. He told his studio audience before he delivered a speech before the television cameras that he didn't want any applause.

## Daring Toronto Decision

### Subway To Function On Sundays

Toronto. Toronto's newly opened subway will operate on Sunday despite the long tradition of a closed Sabbath which forbade street car travel until almost the turn of the century.

In 1891 electric cars were introduced on Toronto streets and in 1892 citizens of the "good" city voted down the running of Sunday cars by 4,000 votes. The ban, affecting 180,000 people, stayed in effect until 1897.

Obviously Sunday traffic would bring sin to Toronto, according to one prominent clergyman who said:

"The running of streetcars on Sunday would open the flood-gates and introduce Sunday papers, saloons and theatres. I am satisfied that the Christian people of this city will so vote that the Sunday car question will not be heard for the next quarter of a century."

There are still no papers, saloons and theatres on Sunday in Toronto which only shows that forecasting is a dangerous business at best. No one today has dared suggest that Torontonians will be any nearer hell when enjoying a subterranean Sabbath in T-T-C tunnels.

**AN OMEN**  
By a slim vote of 972, limited Sunday traffic was voted in to stay in 1897, an omen of 20th century modernity and Torontonians' opinion on their streetcar future. Now comes the subway and 11 branch bus lines, all serving greater Toronto's 1,200,000 citizens seven days a week.

Yet there are still some about who refuse to ride on Sabbath streetcars for reasons of sincere religious belief. Orthodox Jews for instance would uphold the religious injunction against any travel between sundown Friday and sundown Saturday.

In most cases the orthodox try to live near the Synagogue in order not to resort to Saturday traffic, though the number practising the strict observance is declining, according to Rabbi N. Shapiro of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

One rabbi known by Rabbi Shapiro still walks seven miles each Saturday to conduct services in his temple. The Orthodox Jews are permitted to ride on Sunday, however, and no doubt they will be joining with thousands of week-end sightseers expected to crowd the new subway during the next month.—United Press.

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# HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



TWO pictures of Princess Alexandra, daughter of the Duchess of Kent, before and after six months of "finishing school" in Paris. Left: The Princess last October when she left London Airport — a pretty schoolgirl. Right: Back for her first season in London this month — a smart, grown-up, 17-year-old. (Express).



THE American comedian, Danny Kaye, here seen dining with the Duchess of Kent, is in London for the premiere of his new film, "Knock on Wood," in which he co-stars with the Swedish actress, Mal Zetterling. (Express).

THE 28-year-old nephew and heir once removed of the Marquis of Ailsa, Archibald David Kennedy, and his bride, Miss Mary Burn, a miner's daughter, as they appeared about to enter a taxi to take them to their wedding reception at Culzean Castle, Ayrshire. Mr Kennedy was an officer in the Scots Guards during World War II and served also in Korea. (Express).

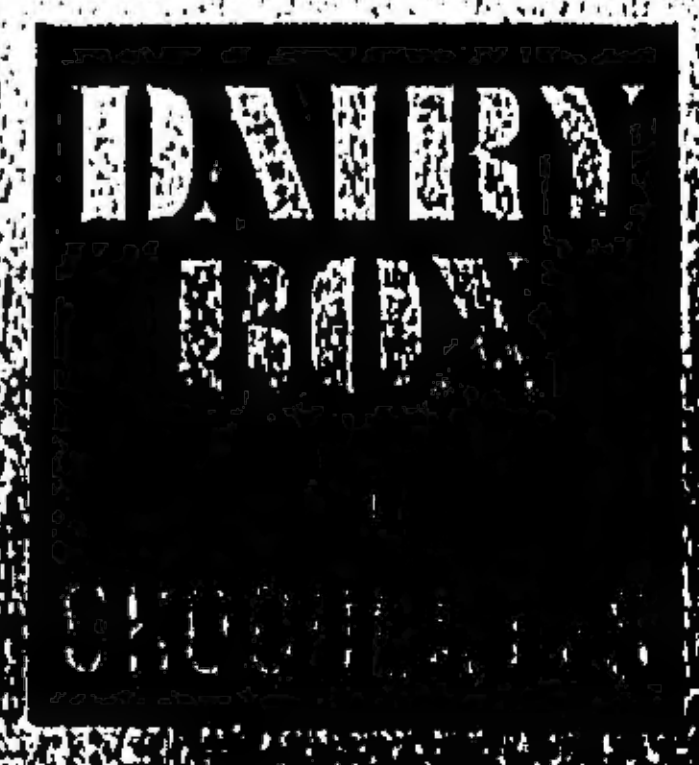
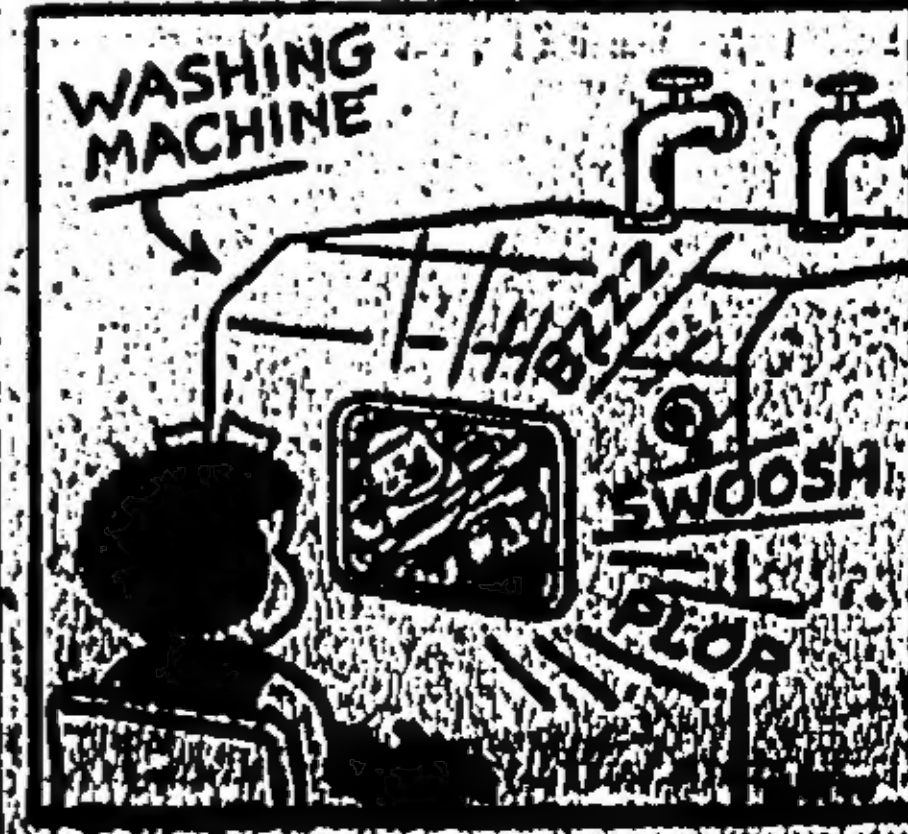


HANDCUFFED 62-year-old Chelsea artist, W. S. Heppel, his face hidden from cameramen, being escorted into court by police at Hove, Sussex. He is accused of murdering 11-year-old Margaret Beville. The girl had been strangled and assaulted. Heppel was arrested in Spain and extradited to England for trial. (Express).



BRITAIN'S newest and best tank, the Conqueror, leaves the Royal Ordnance factory in Leeds for battle practice in Germany. It is bigger and better than the Centurion, which did so well in Korea, and carries a bigger gun. It is more heavily armoured. The Conqueror carries a crew of four. Strict security was kept around the tank during its trip to Germany. (Express).

## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

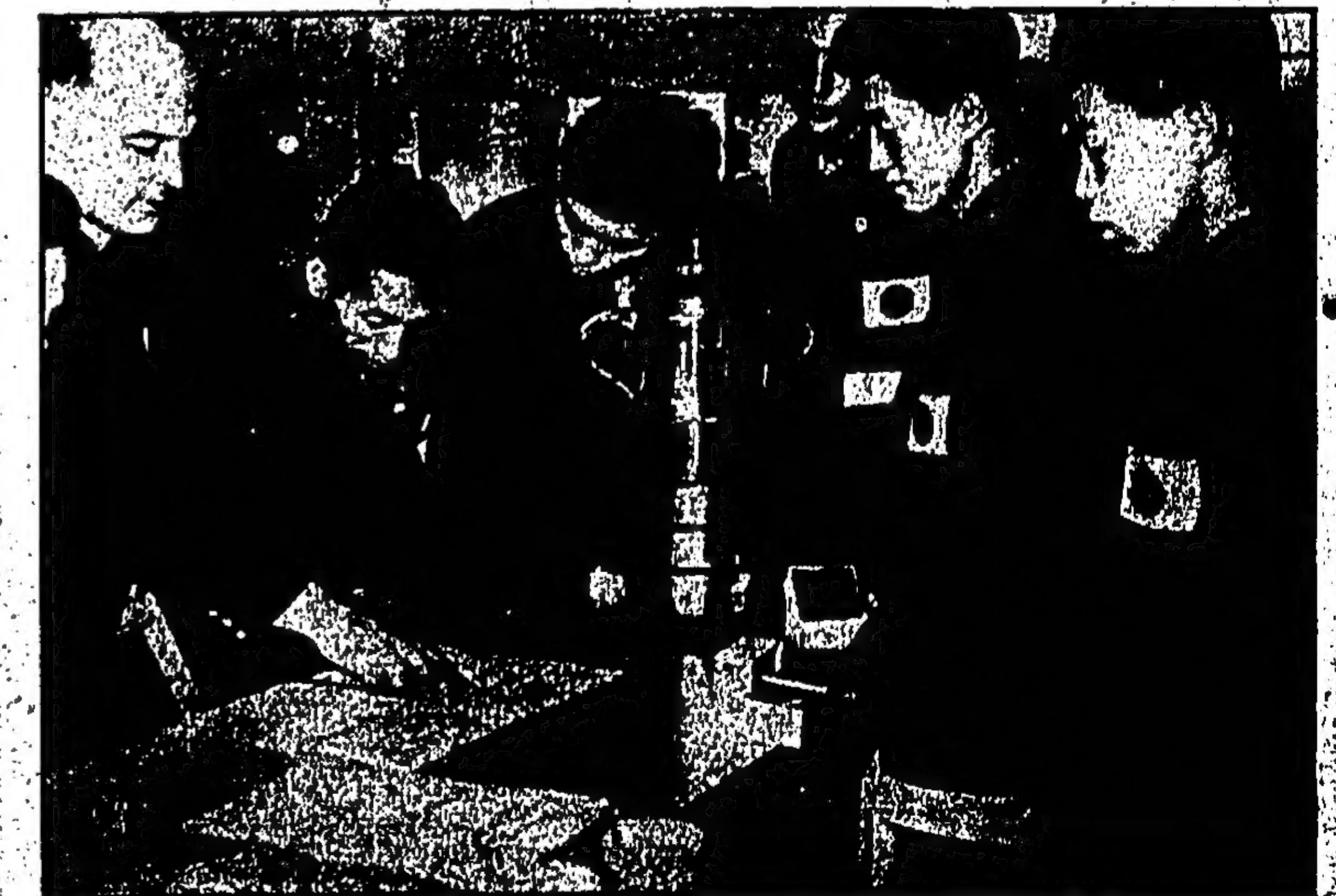


THE U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles (right), seen with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, on his recent trip to London to discuss with Mr. Eden the formation of a united front in Southern Asia against Communist aggression. (Express).

IN the front row on the last day of the naval tactics conference held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, are (from left) Admiral W. Fechteler, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Admiral Sir John Edleston and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roderick McGrigor. (Express).



AT the annual reception held by the Architectural Association in London. From left: Lady Casson, Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Association, and Mrs. Cyril Mardall. (Express).



THE Japanese men's table tennis team, winners of the Swaythling Cup for the world's championship, signing for the cup after their victory at Wembley earlier this month. The Japanese women's team won the Corbillon Cup. (Express).



## A NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY STARTS TODAY

# "THE ADVENTURE OF FOULKES RATH"

"THIS is a most curious affair," I said, dropping The Times on the floor. "Indeed, I am surprised that the family have not already consulted you."

My friend Sherlock Holmes turned away from the window and threw himself into his armchair.

"I take it that you refer to the murder at Foulkes Rath," he said languidly. "If so, this might interest you, Watson. It arrived before breakfast."

He had drawn a buff-coloured form from the pocket of his dressing-gown and now passed it across to me. The telegram which bore the postmark of Forest Row, Sussex, ran as follows:—

"HAVING REGARD TO ADDLETON AFFAIRS, PROPOSE TO CALL ON YOU AT 10.15 PRECISELY. VINCENT."

Picking up The Times again, I ran my eye quickly down the column. "There is no mention of anybody named Vincent," I said.

"A fact of no importance whatever," replied Holmes impatiently. "Let us assume, from the phraseology of the telegram, that he is a lawyer of the old school employed by the Addleton family. As I observe, Watson, that we have a few minutes in hand, pray refresh my memory by running over the salient points from the account in this morning's paper, while omitting all irrelevant observations from their correspondent."

Holmes, having filled his clay pipe with shag from the Persian slipper, leant back in his chair and contemplated the ceiling through a cloud of pungent blue smoke.

"The tragedy occurred at Foulkes Rath," I began, "an ancient Sussex manor house near Forest Row on Ashdown Forest. The curious name of the house is derived from the circumstance that there is an old burial ground—"

"Keep to the facts, Watson."

"The property was owned by Colonel Matthias Addleton," I continued rather stiffly. "Squire Addleton, as he was known, was the local Justice of the Peace and the richest landowner in the district. The household at Foulkes Rath consisted of the Squire, his nephew Percy Longton, the butler Morstead, and four indoor servants. In addition, there is an outside staff consisting of the lodge-keeper, a groom and several gamekeepers who occupy cottages on the boundaries of the estate."

"Last night, Squire Addleton and his nephew dined at their usual hour of eight o'clock and after dinner the Squire sent for his horse and was absent for about an hour. On his return,

shortly before ten, he took a glass of port with his nephew in the hall. The two men appeared to have been quarrelling for the butler had stated that, on entering with the port, he remarked that the Squire was flushed and brusque in his manner."

"And the nephew, Longton, I think you said his name was?" Holmes interrupted.

"According to the butler, he did not see Longton's face as the young man walked to the window and stood there looking out into the night whilst the butler was in the room. On retiring, however, the butler caught the sounds of their voices in a furious altercation. Shortly after midnight, the household was roused by a loud cry, apparently from the hall, and, on rushing down in their night-clothes, they were horrified to discover Squire Addleton lying senseless in a pool of blood with his head split open."

"Standing beside the body of the dying man was Mr Percy Longton, clad in a dressing-gown and grasping in his hand a blood-stained axe. Holmes, which had been torn down from a trophy of arms above the fireplace, Longton was so dazed with horror that he could scarcely assist in lifting the injured man's head and staunching the loss of blood. However, even as Morstead bent over him, the Squire raising himself on his elbow, gasped out in a dreadful whisper 'It was Long—ton! It was Long—ton!' and sank back dead in the butler's arms."

"The local police were summoned and, on the evidence of the quarrel between the two men, the discovery of the nephew standing over the body and, finally, the accusing words of the dying man himself, Mr Percy Longton has been arrested for the murder of Squire Addleton. I see that there is a note in the late news column that the accused man, who has never ceased to protest his innocence has been removed to Lewes. These would appear to be the principal facts, Holmes."

"For a while my friend smoked in silence."

"What explanation did Longton offer for the quarrel?" he asked at length.

"It is stated here that he voluntarily informed the police that he and his uncle came to high words on the subject of the latter's sale of Chudford Farm, which Longton considered a further and unnecessary reduction on the estate."

"Further?"

"It appears that Squire Addleton had sold other holdings over the last two years," I replied, throwing the paper on the couch. "I must say, Holmes, that I have seldom read a case in which the culprit is more clearly defined."

"Ugly, Watson, very ugly," my friend agreed. "Indeed, presuming the facts to be as stated, I cannot conceive why this Mr Vincent should propose to waste my time. But here, unless I am much mistaken, is our man upon the staircase."

There came a knock on the door and Mrs Hudson ushered in our visitor.

Mr Vincent was a small elderly man with a long pale mournful face framed in a pair of side-whiskers. For a moment, he stood hesitating while he peered at us short-sightedly through his pince-nez which were attached by a black ribbon to the lapel of his rather dingy frockcoat. "This is too bad, Mr Holmes," he cried shrilly. "I assumed that my telegram would ensure privacy, sir, absolute privacy. My client's affairs..."

"This is my colleague, Doctor Watson," interposed Sherlock Holmes, waving our visitor to

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE

the chair which I had drawn forward. "I assure you that his presence may be invaluable."

Mr Vincent bobbed his head toward me and, depositing his hat and stick on the floor, sank into the cushions.

"Pray believe that I meant you no offence, Doctor Watson," he squeaked. "But this is a terrible morning, a terrible morning I say, for those who cherish good-will for the Addletons of Foulkes Rath."

"Quite so," said Holmes. "I trust, however, that your early morning walk to the station did something to restore your nerves. I find that exercise is in itself a sedative."

"Our visitor started in his seat. 'Heavily, sir,' he cried, 'I fail to see how you—'

"Tut, tut," Holmes interrupted impatiently. "A man who has driven to the station does not appear with a splash of fresh clay on his left gaiter and a similar smear across the ferrule of his stick. You walked through a rough country lane and, as the weather is dry, I should judge that your path took in a ford or water-crossing."

"Your reasoning is perfectly correct, sir," replied Mr Vincent, with a most suspicious glance at Holmes over the top of his pince-nez. "My horse is at the place-nez, and not even a hack available at that hour in the village. I walked as you say, caught the milk train to London and here I am to enlist, nay, Mr Holmes, to demand, your services for my unfortunate young client, Mr Percy Longton."

Holmes lay back with closed eyes and his chin resting on his fingertips. "I fear that there is nothing that I can do in the matter," he announced. "Doctor Watson has already put before me the principal facts and they would appear to be quite damning. Who is in charge of the case?"

"I understand that the local police, in view of the gravity of the crime, appealed to Scotland

Yard, who dispatched an Inspector Lestrade to deal with Mr Holmes. I fear that you have a painful twinge of rheumatism—an Inspector Lestrade to take charge. I should explain, perhaps, went on our visitor, "that I am the senior partner of Vincent, Peabody and Vincent, the legal practitioners of Forest Row, to whom the Addletons have entrusted their interests for the past hundred years and more."

Leaning forward, Holmes picked up the paper and, tapping the place sharply with his finger, handed it without a word to the lawyer.

"The account is accurate enough," said the little man sadly, after running his eye down the column, "though it omits to state that the front

door was unlocked despite the fact that the Squire told Morstead the butler that he would lock it himself."

Holmes raised his eyebrows. "Unlocked, you say? If so, Well, the probable explanation is that Squire Addleton forgot the matter in his quarrel with his nephew. However, there are one or two points which are not yet clear to me."

"Well, sir?"

"I take it that the murdered man was in his nightclothes?"

"No, he was fully dressed. Mr Longton was in his night-clothes."

"I understand that after dinner the Squire left the house for an hour or so. Was it his custom to take nocturnal rides?"

Mr Vincent ceased to stroke his whiskers and shot a keen glance at Holmes. "Now that you mention it, such was not his custom," he shrilled. "But he returned safely and I cannot see—"

"Quite so," interposed Holmes. "Would you say that the Squire was a wealthy man? Pray be precise in your reply."

"Matthias Addleton was a very wealthy man. He was, of course, the younger son and emigrated to Australia some forty years ago, that is to say, in 1854. He returned in the seventies, having amassed a large fortune in the Australian goldfields and, his elder brother having died, he inherited the family property of Foulkes Rath. Alas, I cannot pretend that he was liked in the neighbourhood, for he was a man of morose disposition and as unpopular with his neighbours as he was feared by our local 'necro-do-wells' in his capacity as Justice of the Peace. A hard, bitter, brooding man."

"Was Mr Percy Longton on good terms with his uncle?"

The lawyer hesitated. "I am afraid not," he said at length. "Mr Percy, who was the son of the Squire's late sister, has lived at Foulkes Rath since his childhood and, on the property pass-

ing to his uncle, he remained and managed the estate. He is, of course, the heir under an Entailment which covers the house and a part of the land and, on more than one occasion, he has expressed deep resentment at his uncle's sales of certain farms and holdings which led, I fear, to bad blood between them. It was most unfortunate that his wife was absent last night of all nights."

"His wife?"

"Yes, there is a Mrs Longton, a charming, gracious young woman. She was staying with friends for the night at East Grinstead and is due back this morning," Mr Vincent paused. "Poor little Mary," he ended quietly. "What a homecoming! The Squire dead and her husband charged with murder."

"One final question," said Watson. "What explanation does your client offer to account for the events of last night?"

His story is a simple one, Mr Holmes. He states that at dinner the Squire informed him of his intention to sell Chudford Farm, and when he remonstrated on the needlessness of the sale and the damage that it would do to the estate, his uncle turned on him roundly and high words ensued. Later, his uncle called for his horse and rode from the house without a word of explanation. Upon his return, the Squire ordered a bottle of port and, as the quarrel threatened to grow from bad to worse, Mr Percy bade his uncle goodnight and retired to his room. However, his mind was too agitated for sleep and, twice, according to his statement, he sat up in bed under the impression that he had caught the distant sound of his uncle's voice from the great hall."

"Why, then, did he not go to investigate?" interposed Holmes sharply.

"I put that very question to him. He replied that his uncle had been drinking heavily, and therefore he assumed that he was raving to himself in the hall. The butler Morstead confirmed that this had occurred not infrequently in the past."

"Pray continue."

"The clock over the stables had just chimed midnight, and he was drifting at last into slumber when in an instant he was brought back to full consciousness by a dreadful yell that rang through the great silent house. Springing out of bed, he pulled on his dressing-gown and, seizing a candle, ran downstairs to the hall, only to recall before the terrible sight that met his eyes."

"The hearth and fireplace were spattered with blood, and sprawling in a great crimson pool, his arms raised above his head and his teeth grinding through his beard, lay Squire Addleton. Mr Percy rushed

forward and was bending over his uncle when his eyes fell upon an object that turned him sick and faint. Beside the body of the Squire and horribly dappled with the blood of its victim lay an executioner's axe. He recognised it vaguely as forming a part of a trophy of arms that hung above the chimney-piece and, without thinking what he was doing, he had stooped and picked up the thing when Morstead, accompanied by the terrified maid-servants, burst into the room. Such is the explanation of my unhappy client."

"Dear me!" said Holmes.

For a long moment, the lawyer and his audience, our eyes fixed upon my friend, his head had fallen back against the chair top, his eyes were closed and only a thin quick spiral of smoke rising from his clay pipe hinted at the activity of the mind behind that impassive acquiline mask. A moment later, he had sprung to his feet.

"A breath of Ashdown air will certainly do you no harm, Watson," he said briskly. "Mr Vincent, my friend and I are very much at your disposal."

It was mid-afternoon when we alighted from the train at the wayside station of Forest Row. Mr Vincent had telegraphed our reservations at the Green Man, an old wealdstone inn which appeared to be the only building of any consequence in the little hamlet. The air was permeated with the scent of the woodlands clothing the low rounded Sussex hills that hemmed us in on every side, and as I contemplated that green smiling landscape it seemed to me that the tragedy of Foulkes Rath took on a grimmer, darker shade through the very serenity of the pastoral surroundings amid which it had been enacted.

Though it was evident that the worthy lawyer shared my feelings, Sherlock Holmes was completely absorbed in his own thoughts, and took no part in our conversation save for a remark that the stationmaster was unhappily married and had recently changed the position of his shaving mirror.

Hitting a fly at the inn, we set out on the three-mile journey that lay between the village and the manor house, and as our road wound its way up the wooded slopes of Pippinford Hill, we caught occasional glimpses of a sombre heather-covered ridge where the edge of the great Ashdown moors loomed against the skyline.

(To Be Continued on Monday)



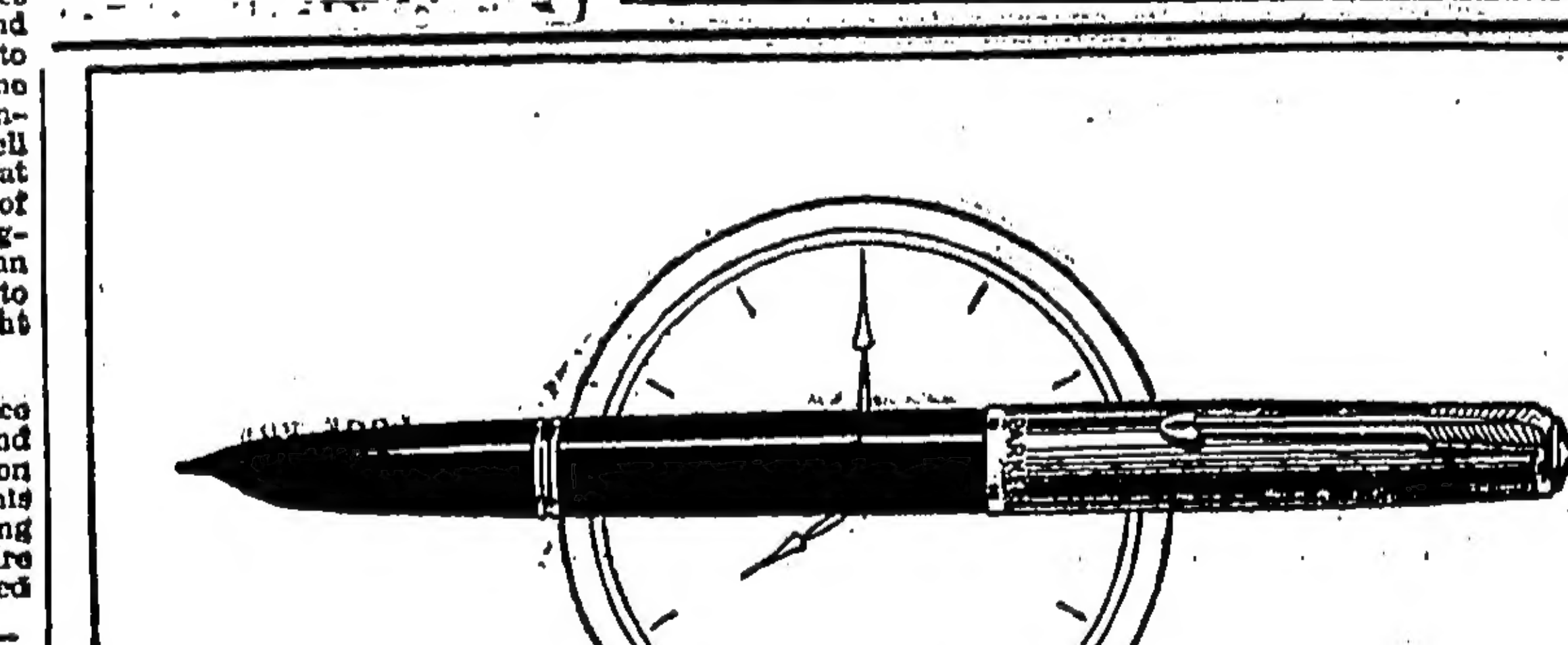
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# OLD RACERS IN RETIREMENT

*Pensioned-off Warriors  
Of The Turf Live A Life  
Of Ease At Sheung Shui*

By ROBIN HUTCHEON



Above are the stable buildings at Sheung Shui where at present 17 of the former stars of Happy Valley are quartered.



Left: Ataman, prizewinner of past seasons, one of the pensioners. Ataman started his racing career in 1948.



Below: The ponies being taken out to exercise.

SEVENTEEN ponies you've cheered and cursed at Happy Valley in years gone by — champions, placers, getters and also-rans — are living today in quiet and comfortable retirement at Sheung Shui, far from the clamour of the race course.

In four acres of ground planted with liquid ambers, palms, silvery camphors, some of which have been standing for the last 100 years — azaleas and grey-green bamboo clumps, these old warriors of the turf are living an idyllic life.

There, at the Hongkong Jockey Club's stables, they are probably as well attended and cared for as the Windsor Greys which draw the Royal State Coach through London — in fact, probably better.

## Welfare State

A philosophic horse, whether he be a racer or merely the motive power for a milk cart, could not help but think that here was Utopia, or, better still, a horse's conception of the welfare state with free carrots and a grazing paddock just for the asking, abundant food, a clean cool home, gentle exercise, and free and expert medical attention.

Their horizon is bounded by the low green hills of the New Territories; on these slopes they exercise for a maximum of four hours a day with only skilled and trusted horsemen. A moundsman grey with a slow by their grazing paddock. In season there is blue sky, fleecy clouds, the country air — not unlike the outback of their native Australia.

This is the home of ponies like Ataman, who in 1948, his

first year of racing, won over \$1,000 for his owner, Mr. E. A. Brodie, including the Derby, the Pearce Memorial Cup and the St. Leger. Also there are Wodonga, who won for Mr. D. Benson \$37,450 in prize money between 1947 and 1953; Bashful Beauty, another big prize winner and holder of the Champion Stakes in 1950; Possibility and Acquisition, two other well-known performers at Happy Valley in the postwar years.

It is also the home of Busted Sprout, a minor place-getter, Shahjokh, Golden Boy, Jimmy Cricket and other veterans which, one way or another, just missed out. There are still others who could not manage to push even their noses into the photo-finish pictures.

What determines a pony's eligibility for this exclusive home for retired racers? The Hongkong Jockey Club Stewards pick only those which they believe will be suitable hack horses for a few more years when their racing days are over. As there are only 24 stalls in the two stable buildings, membership is open only to the fittest, but not necessarily the fastest or the biggest prize-money winners.

If selected at the end of their racing careers the ponies are presented to the Jockey Club; those too far gone after long years of racing have to be destroyed.

## Cool Stalls

At Sheung Shui this is what awaits them: clean, cool cement and brick stalls, wide and spacious, with fresh straw every day. The stalls, incidentally, are screened against flies and mosquitoes, and this summer they are to have swinging fans installed!

For every two horses there is one maitre, who is responsible for the grooming and feeding and exercising of his charges. The ponies have their own beds of crisp carrots and their daily ration is generous. Oats, bran and hay are imported for them. Whether there are approved riders or jockeys at Sheung Shui to ride them every

day or not, the ponies get their daily quota of exercise with the stable boys. But even on the busiest day they can do no more than two two-hour rides.

None but well-known and trusted horsemen and women are allowed to take out the ponies. Once two young riders were caught practising starts and finishes behind the hills. So now the Jockey Club insists upon responsible horsemen, and they prefer club guides who know the best rides to accompany the ponies on their outings.

The ponies' day begins at 5.30 a.m. when they are given their first feed. Then they are groomed and the stalls cleaned while they are out at exercise. At noon there is another feed followed by more exercise in the afternoon in the surrounding hills. And at 6.30 p.m. they have their last feed before being stabled down for the night.

## Five Others

At the moment there are five other ponies at Sheung Shui who are convalescents. There is the Champions winner, Knockdown, also Wild Out, Teddington Humea Mena and Karrera, who have been sent to the country by their owners to get over loss of condition, lameness or some other sickness. These ponies are kept to the grounds of the estate, and their exercise is carefully watched and carried out strictly according to their owners' instructions. The Club's "Vet," Mr. H. H. Robertson, visits his patients weekly, but if a pony's condition is serious — as it was in the case of one who developed the alarming temperature of 107.6 degrees last Christmas Eve — he rushes out to the stables immediately.

As Hongkong has few, if any, stables for private riders, the establishment of the Jockey Club's stables in October last in this perfect South China country setting fulfilled a very definite need in the Colony. It was with an eye to this need, coupled with his deep love of horses, that a well-known



The typically Chinese exterior of the Jockey Club building in Sheung Shui. It is a popular week-end resort.

Hongkong resident, Mr. D. Benson, brought this branch of the Club into existence.

The Sheung Shui club stands in the grounds of an old country property which before the war was the home of an American resident, Mr. W. T. Stanton. In the war years it was used by Japanese troops, and the old Chinese style house, with its high, tiled roof, was used as a barracks. It became a billet for British troops when Hongkong was reoccupied, and later it was bought by Moller Estates, Ltd. It was Mr. Benson's idea that the property should be bought for the Jockey Club.

## Renovated

At that time it was virtually a derelict property, with the garden overgrown, and the house inhabited by flocks of birds which had built their nests in the eaves and the framework of the roof. The old stables and ancillary quarters and saddle room were renovated, enlarged and screened; extra buildings were erected to accommodate a bigger staff of groomers and stable boys, and to store the fodder.

The club built a manure shed which now supplies the Forestry Department, as well as members' stables, there is an exercise track and a central paddock ringed with bamboo cuttings.

On the rise behind the stables there now stands the magnificent clubhouse. It was put back into commission last year, with a spacious and comfy lounge, dining room, all-electric kitchen, shower rooms, changing and locker rooms. There are four small dormitory rooms for members, and soon there will be completed two "chalets" or bungalows behind the main club house in the same Chinese style architecture to accommodate four couples.

At Sheung Shui members can

stay a week if they like, but not two week-ends running because of the big demand for the club quarters.

Since it was opened the club has become so popular that there have been week-ends when as many as 200 adults and as many as 80 children have been present. Then there is one continuous meal-time from breakfast early in the morning to dinner late into the night.

As there are only 88 rides each week-end (with the 17 horses available twice a day) the Jockey Club realised it would have to provide something more than just riding. So they built a tennis court, and now they are putting up a children's playground, complete with slides and swings.

The gardens are being brought back to the colourful pattern of earlier days.

## Country Setting

One afternoon this week I saw this new club in its delightful country setting. With the Chairman of the Stewards, Mr. Benson, the Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Robertson, and the Supervisor of the property, Mr. G. J. Norman (who trained greyhounds in Shanghai from 1927 until the outbreak of World War II), I watched Wodonga and the grey, Winner, return from a ride in the hills. We saw Bashful Beauty and Knockdown showing their paces in the wide paddock.

Out there, there is nothing so frightening for the ponies as the pushing, bustling, shouting, cheering crowds of a race-day. It is quiet and serene, with the sky and the clouds and hills completely enclosing them in their new lives. Sometimes as they canter up the hills and gallop around the paddock they re-capture the old thrill of their racing days. Could any old racer ask for a more perfect retirement?

## sleep AND HOW TO GET MORE OF IT

A WIDEAWAKE SERIES to help everyone

WE rarely go to sleep "as soon as our heads touch the pillow." All the unconscious sleep preliminaries usually take about half an hour if you are lying relaxed in bed and feeling just normally tired.

Sleep is a halfway state between consciousness and unconsciousness. You do not become unconscious when you fall into a natural sleep, for the brain and sense organs are still sufficiently alert to respond to a danger signal.

In most adults periods of deep and shallow sleep usually alternate during a full night's repose. The majority of those who keep normal hours rapidly enter a phase of deep slumber which gradually becomes lighter until about 3 or 4 a.m.

At this time sleep may become so shallow that consciousness is almost re-established and the sleeper may awaken momentarily though often without remembering it next day.

Sleep then deepens gradually until about 6 a.m., after which it lightens until the person wakes up spontaneously or is awakened by some slight disturbance.

## Second Doze

IF you fall asleep again after opening your eyes in the morning you often feel much more drowsy when you wake up than you would have done had you not indulged in a second doze.

After waking from a long sleep you are returning from only a slight degree of somnolence, but if you restart the cycle by dozing off again you may find yourself back in the first phase of deep sleep within a few minutes.

Contrary to common belief the deepest sleep, which occurs in the first one or two hours, is not necessarily the most refreshing. The hours of shallow sleep are equally important for the recuperation process.

The idea that sleep before midnight is particularly beneficial seems to be an old wives' yarn based on the obvious fact that as most of us have to get up reasonably early, going to bed after midnight is likely to make us lose sleep.

Each time a sleeper turns over his slumber becomes lighter just before the movement and deepens when it is completed. If a person has recently moved in his sleep he is more easily awakened by a noise than

he is after he has slept in the same position for say half an hour.

The gradual slowing down of the body's rate of working during sleep is accompanied by a fall in body temperature. The temperature fluctuations of the human body during sleep have been closely studied and have led to extremely interesting deductions.

Professor Nathaniel Kleitman, of Chicago University, who is the greatest living authority on sleep, found that the internal temperature of the healthy human body is far from constant. Instead of remaining at 98.4 degrees Fahrenheit, as the elementary text-books usually state, it fluctuates in a definite 24-hour cycle.

## Midday Peak

THE total swing is usually only two degrees Fahrenheit at the most, but it is believed to have profound effects. In people who keep normal hours, working by day and sleeping by night, the body temperature usually rises to a maximum of about 99 degrees during the day and falls to a minimum of 97 degrees or so during sleep. The temperature drop is usually greatest at about 3 a.m.

In some people — more often than not well-built, muscular types — the body temperature rises sharply soon after waking. These are the people who jump out of bed and are hearty at the breakfast table. They reach top temperature and this peak of their ability by about midday. If a person's capacity for work falls off as his temperature begins to fall in the late afternoon, by

the time they get home all they want to do is to get in an easy chair in front of the fire.

Other people, however, of whom I am one, awaken with a morning temperature of about 98.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Their "engines" warm up so slowly that even by lunchtime their temperature is still "sub-normal."

## Hard To Get Up

SUCH folk, who are usually thin, as I am, find it hard to get up and may feel groggy and irritable until long after breakfast. They do not reach their peak temperature until late in the afternoon. It is from then onwards that they are most alert and capable of their best.

"Late to bed and late to rise" would be a good maxim for them if work allowed.

Professor Kleitman recommends that every business man should find out which type he is so that he can arrange his most important affairs at times of maximum temperature.

He believes that these daily ups and downs of temperature have such an important influence on human behaviour that marriages between "morning" and "evening" types are unlikely to be harmonious. Happiness is unlikely to reign in a house where the husband jumps out of bed to sing in a cold bath while the wife drags herself downstairs with ill feelings maybe towards his humankindly.

More marriages are broken up by temperature than by permanent! says Kleitman. (London Express Service)

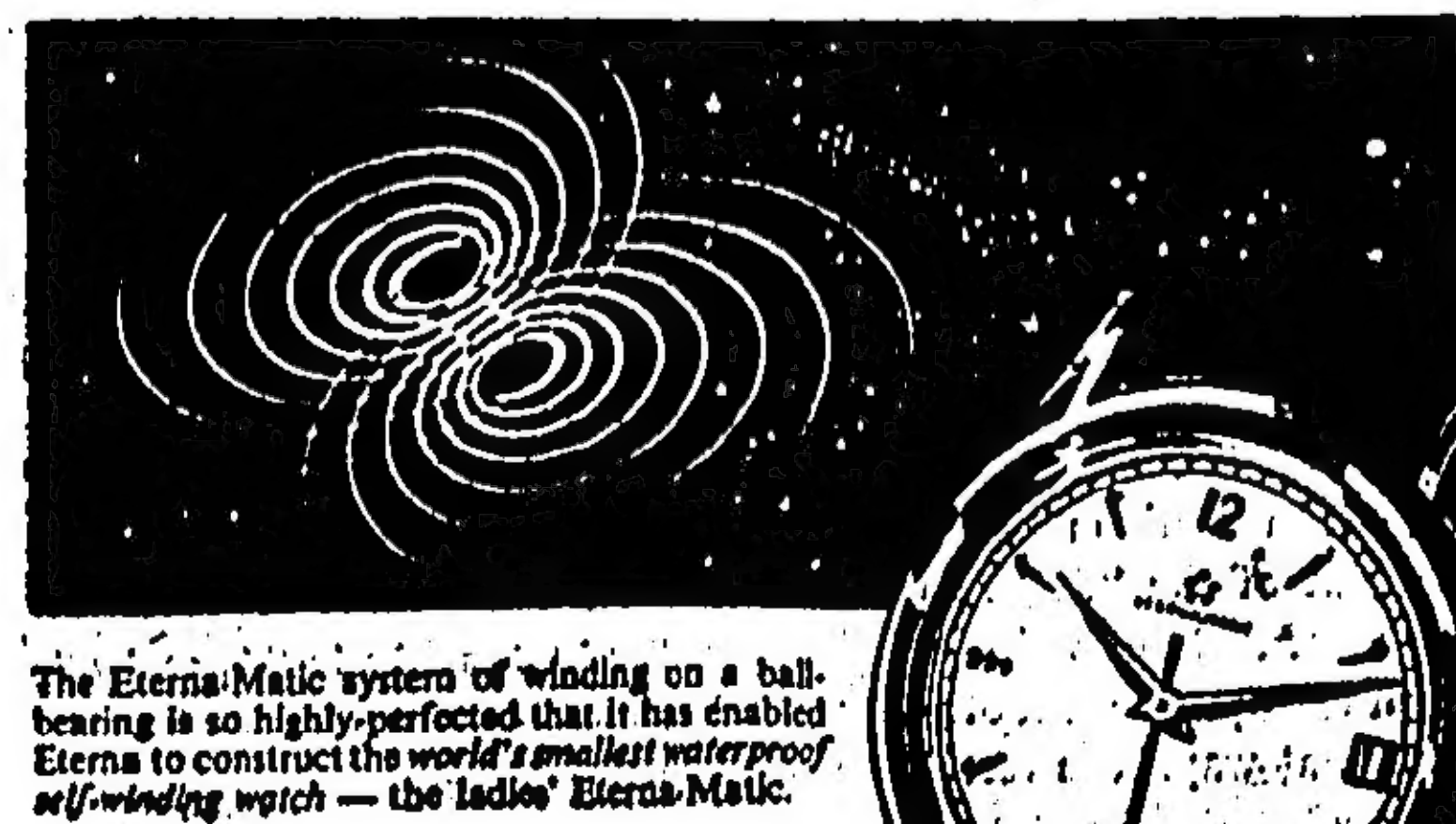
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Upper picture shows Bashful Beauty let out to grass. Immediately above is a charming shot taken in the stable at feeding time. (All pictures by Staff Photographer)



# 'MY SPINE,' HE GASPED—AND THE IRON MAN WAS FINISHED

by GEORGE WHITING

NOT for nothing did they call you the Rochdale Thunderbolt. You broke your neck when a saddle girth slipped at the end of a morning ride, but you were one of the greatest middleweights this country ever produced—so you came back fighting. Diphtheria laid you low, but you beat that rap, too.

But then, one blacked-out night in war-time London, you damaged your spine in a fight that was less than three minutes old, and you were brought very, very nearly to the end of the road. Three years later, you managed a brief and pathetically brave kind of come-back.

Finally, you were stricken from the waist downwards with infantile paralysis. Nowadays, you are helped to a ringside seat to watch the punches of lesser men.

Such are the final bleak phases in the blustery career of Jack McAvoy, born Joseph Bamford in 1908.

Could the punishment absorbed in and out of the ring have been a contributory cause to that final tragedy of polio? We shall never know, and yet, when the news of McAvoy's illness reached us in 1947, there were many whose memories flicked back to the strange and painful happenings at the Royal Albert Hall five years earlier—on February 20, 1942.



McAVOY TODAY. He survived diphtheria and a broken neck. Then polio laid him low.

## EVEN THE SPANIARDS SAY "HI-YA, BUD!"

By IAN MERCER

Palma, Majorca. SO they are coming at last! After many false alarms and much political sideplay, America is getting bases in these parts in return for aid to Spain.

As this agreement gets underway so, after countless centuries of peace, the tranquility of the Balearics and the Spanish mainland is gravely threatened.

Last week, the Diario de Mallorca, one of Palma's leading dailies, started its first column in English—for the benefit of the hundreds of Americans who are already here, not to mention the thousands who are expected to arrive in the course of the next two or three months.

### ON THE JOB

Shopkeepers, too, are preparing to go to the Berlitz School at night—and feverishly writing out new price labels by day.

Buy whisky (without which, say the GIs, "you can't get around to fixing a decent highball"), may be bought for as little as £2.3.6 in the black market. The black market, by the way, means every shop in town.

The ladies of the town (most of them the American wives of GIs) have been

for them) are, of course, out in force, and night club proprietors have got their publicity men on the job.

Strolling down the Borne, Palma's leafy promenade, the other night, I caught sight of a good example of this night club art. The notice read:

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BEER AND STAKES  
HOT DORGS TOO!"

Yet, in spite of the undeniable fact that prosperity approaches, there are quite a few citizens here who view the forthcoming American invasion with dismay. For one thing, it will mean working overtime, which (money, or no money), a Spaniard never does if he can possibly avoid it. Such senseless activity, he maintains, is unnatural. Secondly, there are signs that the Americans already here do not subscribe to the belief that those who serve them should spend their time doing nothing and then having a good rest afterwards—the basis upon which Spanish philosophy is founded.

There is an idea that the American invasion will lead to it has done elsewhere in Europe, to inflation. The idea would not seem far wrong, for such inflation has already begun. Wages have risen by thirty per cent in the last four months, and a glass of cherry now costs seven pesetas (approximately 1/10d.) instead of five or six.

pesetas a year ago, may now cost 250, or about £2.3.0. American cigarettes, oddly enough, are cheaper on the black market than they used to be—no doubt a gesture of gratitude to America for the economic aid she is giving Spain.

You still hear Spanish now and again in the capital's more brassy bars, for all have not yet learned the idiom of Brooklyn. Nevertheless, they are doing their best, and even beggars may greet you with a "Hi-ya, buddy!" and a slap on the back, which (mistakenly I'm sure) they think is the American way of asking for alms.

### THEY THINK TWICE

For all this learning of the strange American language, however, the locals are not yet doing as well as they hoped. Their visitors from across the Atlantic (once reportedly so generous) now appear to think twice or even three times before parting with their cash—and when they do part with it the transaction is on a small scale. Only the other day I saw an apparently prosperous Boston banker give a poor old Arab five centimes—which, with the peseta worth 3d., could hardly be called a fortune.

The truth of the matter is that the GIs' recreation under way back home, which is causing the invaders to keep their purses tightly shut. Again, however, drinking up to my window, I have just heard that (supposedly) many GIs in Palma are buying "buddy" shirts. The Spaniards are trying to

Even at 34, McAvoy still offered the rich red meat of aggression to the fight fan of 1942.

And Mills? Two years previously, if Freddie would forgive me, I should have described him as just another booth-reared fighter—robust, tough and rugged, but apparently getting nowhere in his efforts to achieve middleweight fame.

Then, on the lush railings of a Royal Air Force canteen, he began tilting at the big boys, appointed McAvoy at Liverpool during Dunkirk days, and won the promise of a cruiserweight title shot against Harvey if he could lay low the Thunderbolt in London.

McAvoy weighed in at 12st. 2lb. Mills, after a night in a Turkish bath in the West End, was three pounds heavier. The stage was set, the house was full, top brass abounded in the 23 ring-side seats, and 5,000 of us settled down to an hour of honest fistcliffs as a blessed relief from the war-noises off.

McAvoy and Mills were collecting £750 each from our ticket-money. We wanted action.

### NO SCORE

McAvoy strode from his stool, picked a left at Mills's bluish chin, and followed through with his right to the body, almost before Mills had got his arms moving. Mills countered, missed, took a light right on his ribs, hustled McAvoy to the ropes, and was then called off by referee Ben Hardwicke. No score.

Another wide-armed rush by Mills, a side-step by McAvoy, and the knowing ones among us shrugged our shoulders in diffident acceptance of the reminder that class, as always, was about to tell. Very soon the real punching would begin.

It never did. Without a blow having been seen, McAvoy's right leg shoots crazily from under him, he goes down on one knee, and grins his way out of an absurd situation as Mills, checking his charge, helps a fallen rival to his feet.

The courtesy is acknowledged by the curt "ary touch-salute of gloves, and the men spring apart to resume (or, rather, start) the hostilities we have paid to see. But the "fight" that never began is over.

### BACK HURT

McAvoy, the Iron Man from Rochdale, drops his arms, twists his muscular body, clutches the left side of his back with both gloves, and raises a pained, distorted face to the roof of an Albert Hall strangely, uncannily silent. These things have happened too suddenly, too unexpectedly, for us to make up our minds, or our lungs, about them.

Mills, the nearest witness, is equally unprepared. He stands stock-still in bewilderment as McAvoy, between clenched

teeth, mutters: "Hold it, Freddie, I've hurt my back." Referee Hardwicke steps swiftly to the side of the stricken boxer, now hopping on his right leg and gasping: "My spine, my spine! I can't go on."

As yet no word comes from the referee, and Ted Broadbrib, Mills's very astute manager, shouts urgently from the corner for his man to wade in and despatch the helpless but still upright McAvoy.

### FIGHT'S END

Ringsiders, safely on the side of the ropes where no backs are broken, have by now recovered their voices sufficiently to lend noisy volume to the appeals of Mills's seconds. But a pop-eyed timekeeper hits his bell for the end of the round—for the end of the fight, and for the end of championship road for the once all-conquering McAvoy.

Mills's hand is raised in a victory which, hollow as it appears, is to lead him to the championship of the world. Referee and seconds aid McAvoy to his stool, find that he cannot sit, and lift him gently over the ropes into the hands of officials waiting to carry him off to a dressing-room couch.

### THE FIGHT THAT FINISHED THE CHAMPION

Backstage, two big men held McAvoy down while Dr. Philip Kaplan shot a pain-allaying injection between the spine and the left kidney. McAvoy, his face still twisted, talked disjointedly of a "red hot poker feeling" that had sped through his left leg out there in the ring. The doctor murmured a spot diagnosis of a pulled lumbar muscle... and the Rochdale Thunderbolt was borne away to hospital.

Two years later, McAvoy was deprived of his middleweight title and fined £200 by the Boxing Board of Control for failing to defend it against Ginger Saddy. When he was 37, he essayed a come-back, but retired after three comparatively unnoted wins against rank-and-file opponents in 1945.

McAvoy, still disabled from polio, has written from a wheelchair his commentary on life as seen by the eye of a boxer. Says he: "If I never became a world's champion, at least I fought among those kings of the ring. Every fight I had was a joy to me... until that fight with Mills."

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NEXT SATURDAY:

"Let's forget the alibi," said the Golden Boy.

## HIGH KICKS BRING IN THE DOLLAR TOURISTS

By Andrew Petrie

London. IN movie houses across America a short film is showing before the main feature.

It shows plump British actress Hattie Jacques in high leather boots and frilly pants doing some old-fashioned high kicks and singing in a fruity music-hall voice: "Don't Dilly Dally."

It's part of Britain's attraction for prospective visitors.

### Study Of Facts

Back in London more than 250 men and women are brushing up on such facts as: the bullet which killed Nelson is in Windsor Castle; the dagger which killed Wat Tyler is in the Fishmonger's Hall; the Imperial State Crown has 3,000 diamonds.

They are the guides of the British Travel and

Holidays Association, which runs Britain's tourist publicity here and overseas.

The guides have stiff tests to pass before qualifying. There are even trick questions, such as: which is the best known public house in London's famous Regent Street?

The answer—there is none. Soon, as spring gives way to summer, the work of the Association will bear fruit and the guides will be busy. And in spite of what some critics say is corny advertising, the Association is pulling in the tourists, not in hundreds but in hundreds of thousands.

This year a million visitors are expected, and many of them will come from across the Atlantic. Last year Americans brought £36 million to this country as holiday visitors. In the last five years Britain's charms have earned from visitors £500 million—a lot of money.

These visitors have come, and many have returned for a second visit, in spite of the

difficulties of having a good time in Britain.

For there are difficulties—beginning with the currency. The Travel Association tries to simplify this by issuing an unobtrusive leaflet whose pages can be manipulated to show the equivalent of British money in thirteen different foreign currencies. Roubles are not shown.

### No Night Life

Another blight on visitors' pleasure is night life; they say there isn't any.

Continental visitors, in particular, are accustomed to start painting the town red at eleven p.m. or so—when Britain closes up and goes to bed, except for London's expensive night spots.

It's up to the hotels and restaurants to do something about it, says the Association.

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## WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

## To Prevent Nails from Splitting—

APRIL. Deluges and daffodils. Split nails and dull complexions. "It must be the spring, my dear!" Well, perhaps spring is to blame, but we can still cope.

Mr. Edward Lambton, a beautiful and hard-working friend of mine, divides her time between her husband's racing activities and writing. She does her own typing.

To the detriment of her nails? Not a bit of it. Her hands are always perfectly groomed, her nails never less than an inch long.

## So easy

When I asked her how she managed to keep them so beautifully despite all her pounding on the typewriter, this was her answer.

Every night, after the last hard wash, she rubs a mixture of half almond oil and half white petrolatum into the nails, massaging it down into the cuticle. So easy. And so effective.

This strengthens even the most brittle nails and, if used regularly, will prevent that aggravating double layer I have tried to myself and reward by it now, as I used to have very difficult nails indeed.

Anne Lambton also has lovely teeth, and we were comparing notes on toothpaste the other day. She told me that her secret is to use soft, just plain tube stuff, on her toothbrush, once or twice a week—and her ordinary toothpaste on other days. It brings up a real sparkle and does no harm whatsoever to the enamel.

## A cup a day

Don't swallow it though, or you'll need too much water to quench your thirst. And that is fattening.

All the same, water is the best spring-clean for the complexion.

Every morning, as soon as you wake up, before breakfast (even before the early cup of tea) sip a glass full of water, as hot as you can possibly stand it.

I try to start the day like this all through the year, and I really notice the difference if I leave off, even for a few days.

But if spring eruptions do occur in spite of these precautions, a very good drying-up treatment is a dab of surgical spirit mixed with witch hazel.

## For Pretty Feet, Wear Shoes That Fit!

By HELEN FOLLETT

A CHATTY shoe clerk confides, "The only small feet that toddle into our shop belong to middle aged or old ladies. When they were young they retarded normal foot development by wearing shoes that not only interfered with muscle health, but restricted circulation. Vanity! All vanity! Chinese foot binding wasn't much worse than the effect of shoes that were much too full of feet."

The average shoe in those days was a number four, even for the tall girls and heavyweights. Pint-sized lassies wear sixes now, larger girls sevens. And some of the huskies paddle around in sizes even larger.

A fat woman, tripping along on too-small shoes which push the flesh of the top portion of her foot upward, would look better with her brothers cased in shoes that conform to the contour of her feet. Wouldn't you think she'd know?

Lazy women who love their soft cushions develop high arches. Women who are much too active who are on their feet a good part of the time, develop low arches.

A pretty foot calls for a neat, trim ankle. What about yours? The nicely formed one has a graceful inward curve about one inch above the ankle bone, then a gradual outward curve into the calf of the leg. It isn't just the smallness of the ankle that counts for beauty points, but the contour.

Makers of hosiery and designers of shoes are contributing nobly to the beautiful appearance of feet and legs, so keep a keen eye when you go shopping for the purpose of dressing your underpinnings.



A coolie style in criss-crossed fabric mounted on black.

## Psychiatrists vs Sentimentalists

## SCHOOLROOM BRIDES...

ARE young marriages good or bad? And, what is more important, are they happy?

From each season's crop of pretty debs, one or two capture the altar—almost straight from their school desks.

One of the youngest was Lady Naylor-Leyland, who was married in 1951, married at seventeen, and had her first son when she was nineteen.

Who will be the schoolroom brides this year? The debs parties and other activities are now in full swing.

But although most ambitious mamas are going to be sadly disappointed and daughters will have to settle down next year to earning their own livings, there will be the lucky ones. One or two, who will console themselves with a bank account, even if they do not collect a title.

There are two schools of thought about these youthful marriages.

Psychiatrists, marriage consultants and disillusioned ex-wives will tell you they are BAD.

"A girl is not fully developed emotionally under 21, frequently not then," they say. And they stress that a girl can't know her own mind until she has had a chance to meet people and form her ideas about the kind of man with whom she wishes to spend her life.

## ADVANTAGES

MAMAS and grandmamas, with happy marriage histories of their own, will say they are GOOD.

"You develop your characters together," they sentimentalise, "you are more tolerant of one another's failings, more eager to make a success of the union."

Supporting the sentimentalists, I produce this piece of interesting evidence from America, where, under the GI Bill of Rights, one-third of the present university students are married men.

These married students are getting consistently higher marks.

The University of Wisconsin reveals that young fathers get the highest marks of all.

I do believe that children gain from younger marriages—in fun, character development and happiness.

## Words of the Wise

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance. —(Terenio)

For prying into any human affairs, none are equal to those whom it does not concern. —(Victor Hugo)

Surely, human affairs would be far happier if the power in men to be silent were the same as that to speak. But experience more than sufficiently teaches that this is not the case. —(Aeschylus)

## Three Ways to Wear the Sailor Hat

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London. In spring, a young man's fancy turns to love, a girl's fancy turns to buying a new hat.

This year, manufacturers and leading stores have conducted a bigger campaign than ever before to encourage us to buy a new hat for spring.

There has been no doubt about the theme song they have been putting out.... "Every nice girl likes a sailor hat."

You might think that the sight of every other Londoner in a sailor hat makes fashion too much of a good thing. Here's how, in three easy stages, a little bit of variety is introduced.

First, there's the way of the average girl. There's no nonsense about her approach to fashion, so she wears her sailor hat straight on the head, with the bright, petal-shaped ribbon circling the crown and falling in a double tail at the back.

Second, the way of the lime-light actress (seen around London last week) who likes to be in fashion and different from everyone else at the same time. She wears it flat against the back of her head like a schoolboy's boater.

## Poise Needed

THIRD, the way of the top designer who likes to have a new slant in fashion. He promotes the carefully casual angle, tips the hat obliquely towards the right ear and balances an outside pompadour on the uppermost side. (This hat takes more than simple hat sense to make it a success. It must be perfectly poised, just so, or your friends will be inquiring why on earth you haven't put your hat on straight. You have been warned!)

Erik, the designer concerned, shows two collections a year for his customers in London and Paris. His version of the tilted sailor hat is illustrated. He makes it in lime coloured straw and trims it with velvet ribbon and a pompadour. Another of his hat styles for this year, also pictured, is a coolie shape, made in white criss-crossed fabric mounted on black.

Mimosa and a variety of fruits trim other hats in his collection. Erik, by the way—however colourful and springlike his new hats may be—does not practise at home what he preaches in his salon. He seems, in fact, to have taken a definite dislike to colour when off-duty.

He is now in Paris redecorating his studio on the Left Bank. The colour scheme

he has chosen is not of florid contemporary flavour, is not one of those glorious technical colour schemes which gleam at us from the pages of the glossies—hot yellow-pink-tan-blue, for instance. No, his is a "black pearl" theme, a colour which covers sitting-room furniture, bathroom, picture frames and all.

And this is the background against which he'll be dreaming up next season's hats.

## Hair Raising Tactics

WOMEN who have clung to the short hair fashion through thick and thin, despite chignon crazes and home perms, are still the favourites of the stylist.

Mayfair hair-stylist Riche forecasts that longer styles will not return for six months yet.

He is promoting "short feminine styles tending towards the studied casualness which is so hard to achieve."

He's telling us! Not long ago I spent good money, several hours of valuable time at my hairdresser's in order to achieve this "calculated carelessness" or "designed disarray"—I forget which was the current phrase at the time.

And what happened? Every I went? Platons of young men parading to my front door with orchids, and chocolates with my favourite centre. Not on your life. The remarks I heard were a few discreet inquiries as to whether I had forgotten to comb my hair.

Perhaps other people have been more fortunate than I and can tell me how the hair style should be done.



A sailor hat in lime coloured straw, trimmed with pompadour and velvet ribbon, and worn dipping down over the right eye.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Fishing sinkers can be used to keep a plastic shower curtain from billowing and blowing around. Just attach a few pinch-on type sinkers to the bottom edge of the curtain.

Wash old powder puffs and keep them in the shoe kit for applying wax polish.

To make celery exceptionally crisp, let it stand for half an hour or more in cold water to which sugar has been added. Use one teaspoon sugar to one quart of water.

Use a tea ball to hold onions or other seasonings when flavouring soups and stews.

## RE-APPEARANCE OF THE MASTERFUL HE-MAN

## WHAT IS THE SECRET OF HIS HOLD ON FEMININE HEARTS?

By EILEEN ASCROFT

London. DO women like masterful men? It seems that they do, judging from recent cinema poll results. Enter Marlon Brando as the ladies' new hero—mean, moody and magnificent. Exit the Michael Wildings, with their smooth manners and witty tongues.

Perhaps women are growing a little tired of their emancipation and are finding it rather fun to be bossed again, firmly managed or even bullied.

## AGEING STARS

THERE was blonde actress, Torry Morley, who went to South Africa in a show. Last week she was home to kiss Dad good-bye and tell him she was married. And this is the way she proudly described her new husband:

"He didn't like my show or my costumes on the stage, or off. He didn't like my long hair or my long fingernails. He insisted on choosing my wedding clothes himself."

So back she flies to her masterful he-man, with a new hairstyle, short fingernails and the kind of dresses he likes.

This same mixture of sensitive violence and selfish tyranny is the secret of sexual attraction in the "male stars" of Hollywood and the "female stars" of the stage. Clark Gable, for instance, is a perfect example of this.

Gary Cooper and Humphrey Bogart, who at 53 still near-tops popularity polls. He may have 21 wrinkles (I've counted them), but the swashbuckling charm is still intact.

Who are the new heroes in public life? They are mainly types too, without the play-acting.

Men who do something wholeheartedly, who don't like opposition. Speed kings, like racing motorist Stirling Moss and test pilot Neville Duke.

I believe that women are heartily tired of flattery and men who can't make up their minds.

The male dictator is coming into his own.

## IT HAPPENS!

HOW long is it since you heard a woman boasting that "my husband doesn't like me to smoke." "I'd cut my hair, but my fiancé would be furious." "I never drink spirits, my boy friend won't let me."

But it's happening today. After the postwar years of every kind of sexuality, except the kind of sexuality that women and men have known since the dawn of time, the clock to femininity

is now a tip to the modern male on how to handle women. Tell them what to do and they'll love it. Bully them a little and they'll love you, too.

## HOUSEPROUD BORE

YOU don't often hear of a houseproud man. But we've all met the feminine houseproud female. And what a bore she can be!

She plumps up the cushions the moment you rise from your chair; empties your ashtray every time you've smoked a cigarette; watches your feet suspiciously as you enter the front door to make sure you wipe your feet; can hardly wait for you to swallow the last bite before she's bustling around clearing the table and is forever fiddling with the flowers in case there's a stem out of place.

HUSBANDS hate her because she puts her housewifely pride before their comfort. Pipe-smoking is frowned on and a scattered pile of magazines or a used glass is regarded as a crime.

CHILDREN hate her too, because she never lets them alone. Her constant fuss that they will "spoil things" spoils their fun.

EVEN ANIMALS dislike her because she heartily disapproves of them. Dirty paws and hairs on the carpet spoil the immaculate effect. In fact, she spoils everything and her husband thoroughly

unhappy just because she has lost her sense of perspective over her household gods.

## A LESSON

IT'S the things we save and plan for we prize the most highly. Shop assistant Rita Dodd struggled for a year to buy her wedding dress.

Then a month ago her fiancé, Maurice Lewis, won £75,000 in a football pool.

He bought Rita a £1,000 car and a fine house and promised her the most wonderful wedding dress that London could provide.

But Rita will wear the dress she saved for in pennies and has peeped at every day since she bought it.

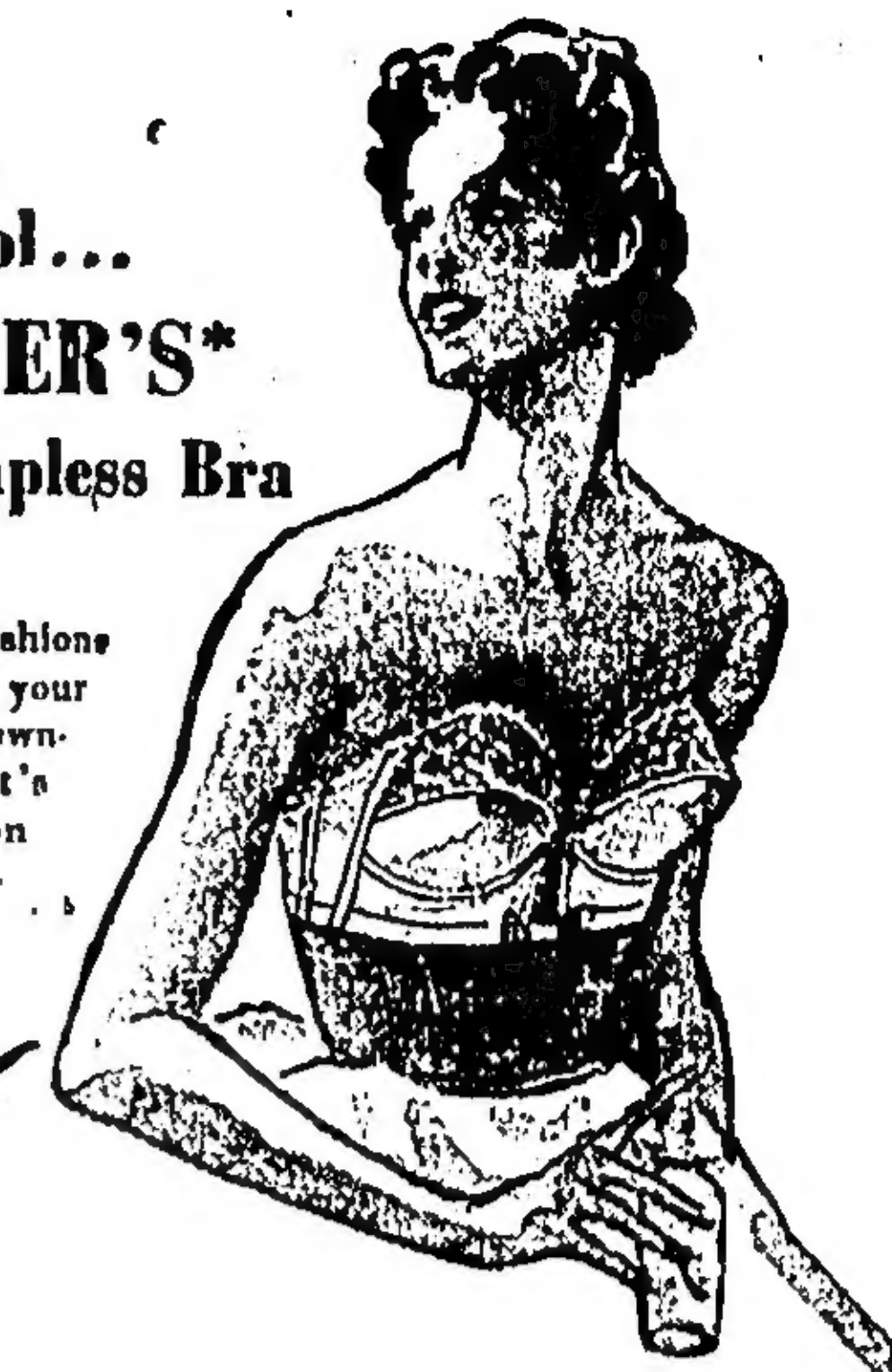
Rita, at 19, has learned a lesson that many of us never learn — and then wonder why we are dissatisfied.

The lesson? That an easy victory is really a victory at all. It is what we win by personal endeavour that really counts.

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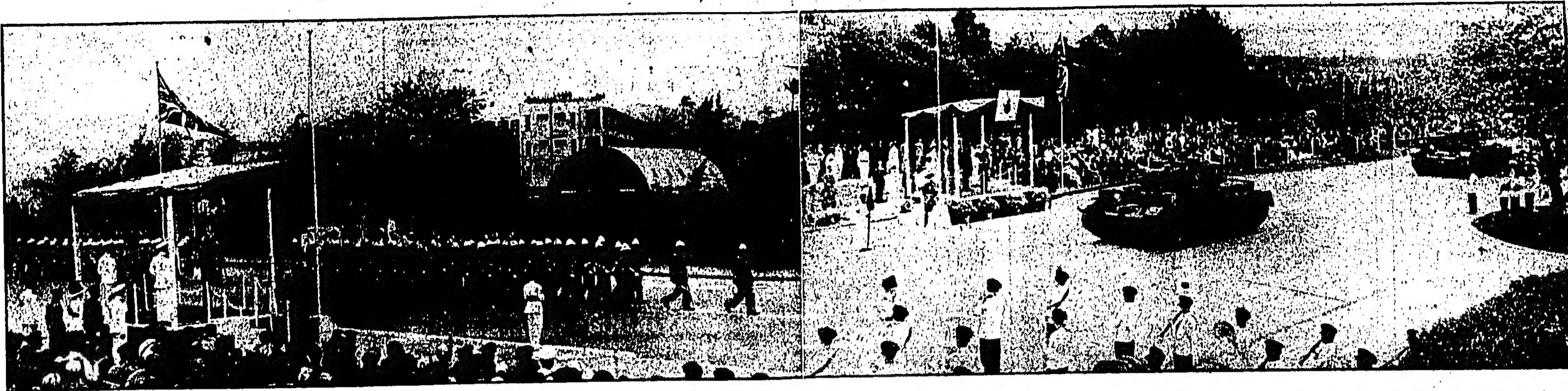
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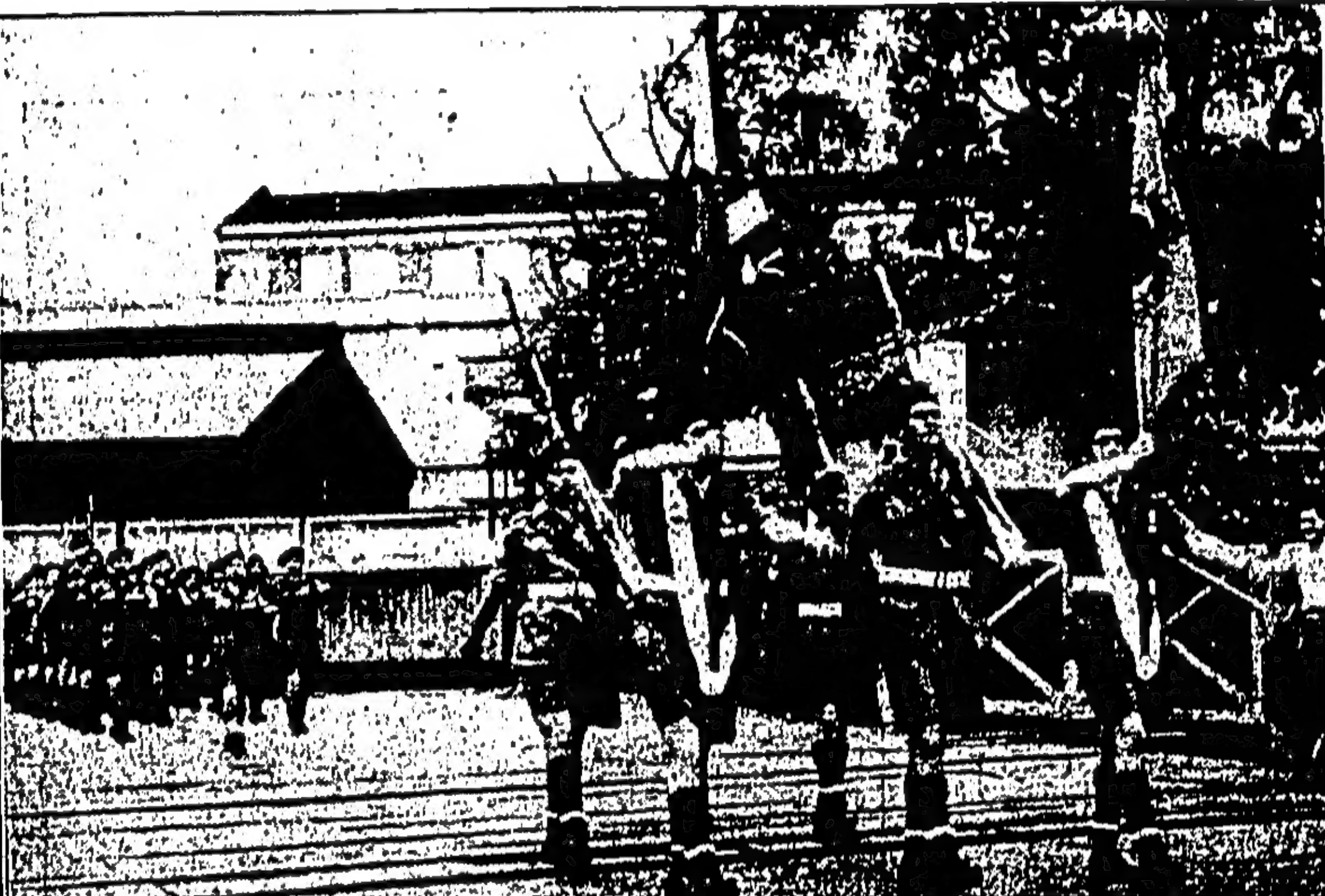
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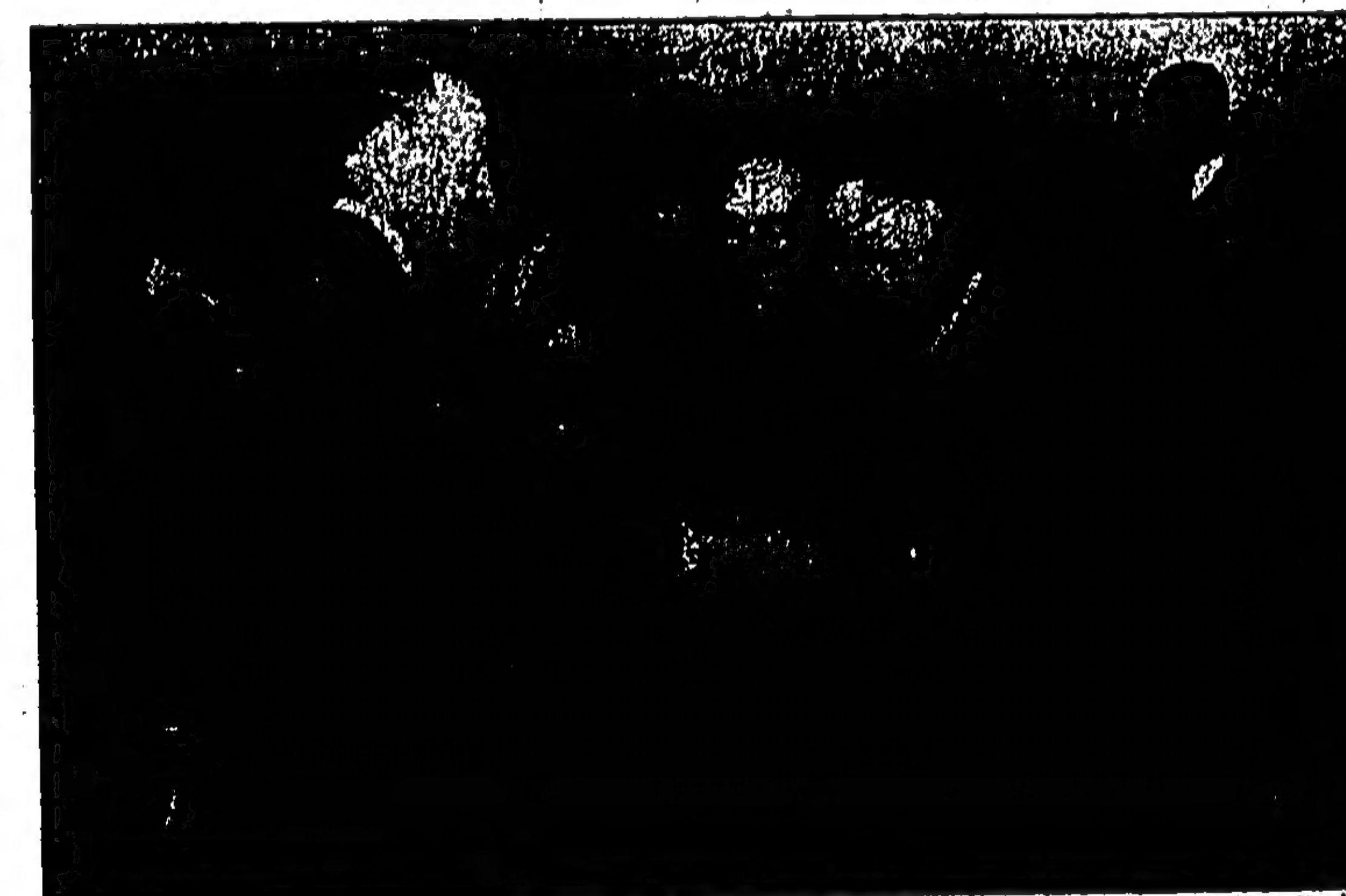
ALL three arms of the Regular Forces as well as the Royal Hongkong Defence Force and the Women's Services took part in the parade in Kowloon on Wednesday, at which His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Sir Alexander Grantham, took the salute. In left-hand picture above, the combined detachments of Royal Marines from HM Ships Newcastle and Birmingham are marching past the Governor. On the right, units of the 7th Royal Tank Regiment leading the mechanised column. (Staff Photographer)



ARMY commentators gave a vivid broadcast description of the whole parade, and corner picture shows Major K. C. Harvey, Army PRO, at work. Left: Hongkong Regiment members making final adjustments before going on parade. Above: The Colours of the Hongkong Regiment. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force having well-earned refreshment after the parade. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Monday's colourful wedding at St John's Cathedral of Miss Joan Wong, former swimming champion, and Mr. Alexander Wong. (Staff Photographer)

AT the Government House garden party celebrating the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, His Excellency the Governor greets Bishop Lawrence Blanchi. (Staff Photographer)

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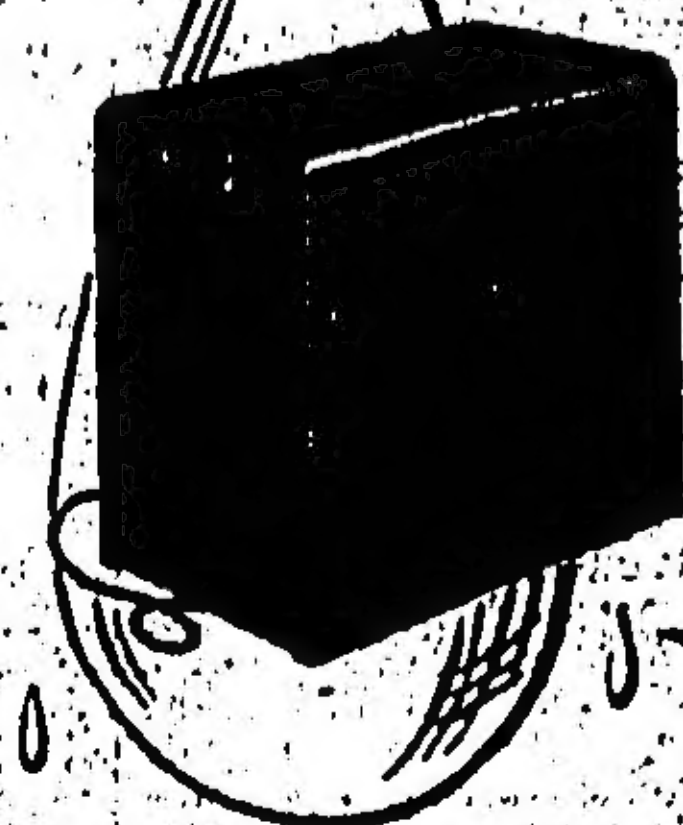
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GROUP picture taken at the farewell dinner given by the Hongkong Fisheries Producers' Association in honour of Mr. Jack Cater, Registrar of Co-operatives and Director of Marketing (third from left, front row), who is going on leave. Next to Mr. Cater is Mr. Tung Wai-lam, Vice-President of the Association. Mr. J. T. Wakelield, who succeeds Mr. Cater, is fourth from right. (Staff Photographer)

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THE Vice-President of the Philippines, Mr Carlos P. Garcia, greeted by the Philippine Consul, Mr Vicente I. Singon, on his arrival here last Saturday en route to Geneva for the coming international conference on Korea and Indo-China. (Staff Photographer)



BRIDAL group outside the Kowloon Union Church last Saturday following the wedding of Captain Louis Colmans and Miss Elsy Morrison. (Staff Photographer)



MR Fred Elias's Firefly, ridden by Mr Marcel Samacq, being led in after winning the Sassoon Challenge Cup at the Happy Valley races last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



THE Delaware softball team, winners in the "B" Division of the Senior League, celebrated their success with a dinner dance last week. Team manager Bill Silva is in centre of front row. (Mainland)



MR Eric Daniel Ribeiro and Miss Hilaria Maria Antonio, who were married on Easter Sunday at the Rotary Church. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Mr. F. Williams, who gained the title of Colony Champion-at-Arms in the recent fencing championships held at the European YMCA, receiving the challenge trophy from Miss Mary Wu. (Cambridge)



MR and Mrs G. B. Labrum (front row, centre) were feted by the Church Council of St Andrew's Church before their departure for Australia on retirement. Picture was taken at the Vicarage after a farewell presentation made to them. (Staff Photographer)



SPEAKING at the Rotary Inter-City Forum, held last Saturday at the American Club, is Mr George E. Marden, Rotary Administrative Adviser. Members of eight clubs attended the Forum. (Staff Photographer)

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THE 1st Battalion, Dorset Regiment, celebrated the Anniversary of the first landing in India by holding a "Punch in India" soiree at the Sun Villa Club. Here is an interesting glimpse of the night. (Mainland)



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## Braised Goose Still A Favourite Dish For Gala Dinner

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

GOOSE has come into its own, not only as a holiday food, but for gala occasions throughout the year. One favourite old dish is braised goose.

**Braised Goose à la 1882:** Thoroughly clean, wash and dry a 10 to 12-lb. goose. Season as for chicken (rice). Rub lightly with 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. pepper. Cut 4 tart cooking apples in quarters and remove the cores. Wash and cut up 2 large heads red cabbage. Put a layer of cabbage in a 3-qt. cooking utensil. Add 1 1/2 c. water. Slice the apples and put 8 slices on top of the cabbage. Add 1/2 c. brown sugar, 4 bay leaves, 4 whole cloves, 4 black peppercorns and 1/2 lemon sliced thin. Add a second layer of the cabbage. On top of this, place 8 strips of bacon. Again put in a third layer topping this with the remaining apple, 1/2 c. additional brown sugar, 4 bay leaves, 4 whole cloves, 4 whole black peppercorns and 1/2 lemon sliced thin. On top of this, arrange the goose.

Seal the cover of the pot tightly and braise in a slow oven, 325° F. for 4 hrs.

The old-fashioned method of sealing on the cover was to do it with dry rye bread dough. Wide adhesive tape with prove more satisfactory today.

### DINNER

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Celery  
Carrot Sticks, Radishes  
Braised Goose 1882  
Potato Dumplings  
Cranberry Sauce  
Raspberry Ice Cream Tarts  
Coffee Tea Milk

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## EASY CARE OF PLASTIC HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

By Eleanor Ross

CLOSET interiors and accessories are getting handsomer and more colourful than ever, thanks to plastics. When you make the most of plastic closet items, you not only give your clothes good protection, but you keep your closets always fit for inspection. To do so is to remember that garment bags and boxes as well as shoe bags, also need a bath once in a while. So every now and then, rub them down with a soapy cloth.

If the closet walls are lined with quilted plastic fabric, sponge these off at the same time. Plastic storage covers and containers of all kinds are a wonderfully economical investment, but you must take care of them.

It's a good idea to swab out the insides as well as the outsides of plastic storage containers before you put things away for seasonal storage. There's no point, for instance, in putting clean blankets or sweaters in bags that are dusty themselves.

Now that we've taken care of the closets, let's survey other plastic items in the home. The new plastic lamp shades have become so elegant that you can dress your fine lamps with translucent white and gold shades that look precious enough for a museum. Yet, they are washable. When plastic shades are sewn onto their frames, you can dunk them into the bathtub or bathtub full of lukewarm suds. If there's danger of glued covers coming loose from their frames, then wipe the shades off with a sudsy cloth, taking care that very little water is used.

Many modern homes make good use of interior screens both for decorative

purposes and to set off one area of a room. The most practical are made of plastics. Even those beautiful new laminated plastic screens are as easy to clean as a plastic plate. So you need not hesitate to add an attractive screen where it will do the most good. If the screen is plastic, you won't be taking on any difficult upkeep.

Not the least important among plastic household items are the children's toys. Plastic playthings are smooth, light, colourful, and can take rough handling. They can be kept clean with very little trouble and their popularity has opened up a whole new world of children's playthings.

Here again, you may have different kinds of plastics, but they're all safely cleaned with warm suds. Wipe baby's playpen pad with a soapy cloth every morning. Put all his little plastic toys—balls, dolls, rattles—in a basin of warm suds after the day's play and you'll be giving him real health protection. If his favourite toy is made of a material that is not so easily washable, make a transparent cover to fit it. He'll be just as happy and twice as safe with a toy that you know is sanitary because you've just washed it.

## SERENE PARENTS, CALM CHILD

By Garry C. Myers, Ph.D.

YOUNG children and adults vary widely as to how many needless anxious moments they have or how serene they seem to be.

Though some parents, who appear very calm, may feel all jumpy inside, most who feel jittery, act that way, too.

Among the youngsters, from one to five years old, whom you see in the next few weeks or months, notice how relaxed or tense their faces look when they are awake and not crying. You will be impressed with the wide differences among them.

### PARENTS' INFLUENCE

One measure of a child's relaxation is the ease with which he smiles. Though a few little children may be relaxed and still not smile much, they are, by thinking exceptions. We usually associate ready smiles of the little child, and adults, too, with relaxation. Surely, the less often we parents are jittery and the more often we feel serene, the more easily we smile at or with the child.

Some children who are very tense and jittery have tense and jittery parents. Though this is always the case, it's hard to imagine children of nervous parents as being serene. As a rule, nervous parents have nervous children.

inheritance and how much from environment, especially in the home, we can't accurately ascertain. But so far as your child or mine is concerned, his inheritance is water over the dam. Our only hope of rendering him more serene is in providing for his best physical care in the best possible emotional atmosphere.

### A CALMER ROUTINE

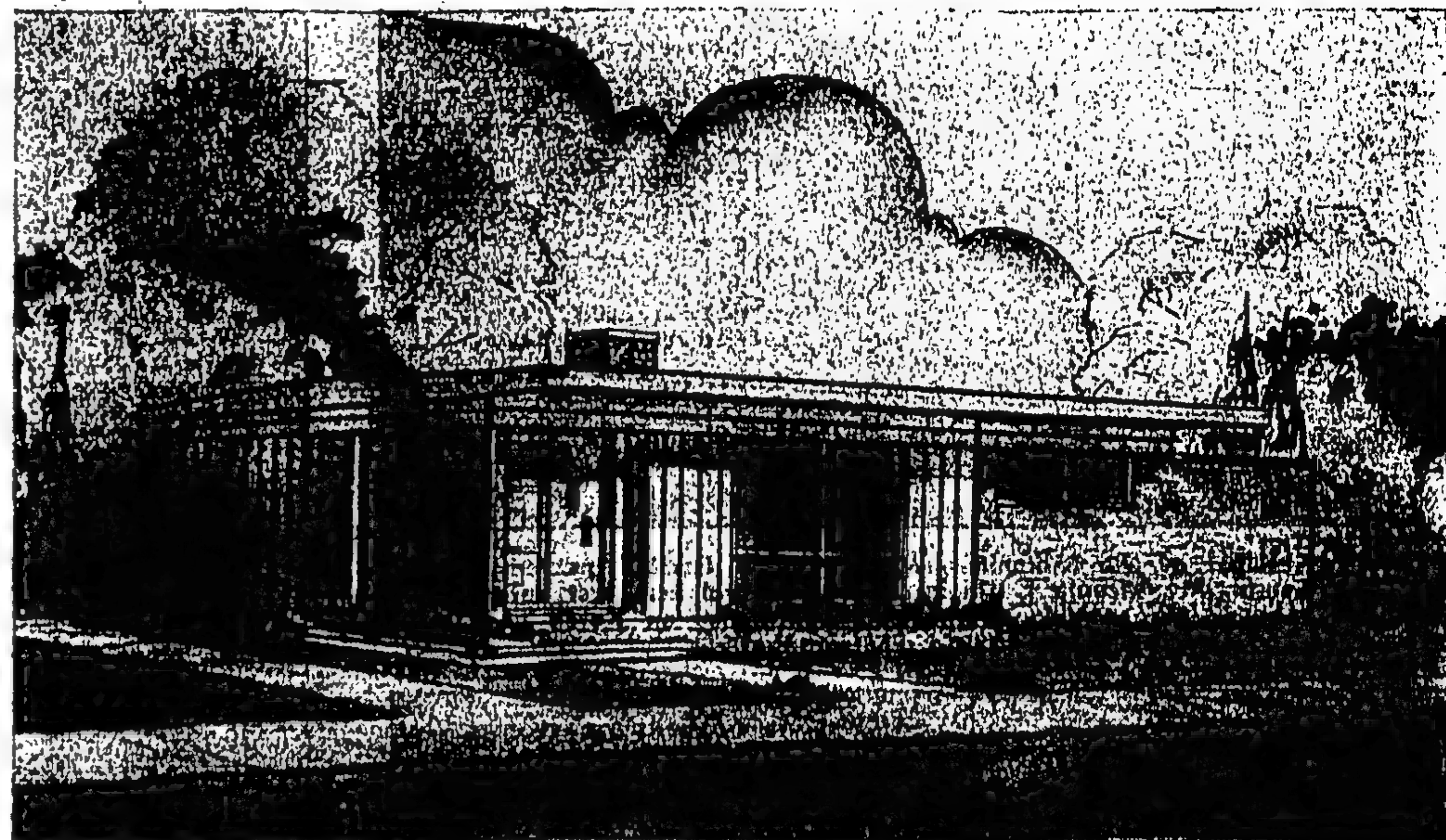
We might also make ourselves more serene by managing our own lives and planning for a less strenuous or exciting life, with more recreation, rest and relaxation. We might even get some help for ourselves from the "family physician" or the psychiatrist. And religion has a lot to offer us.

With effort, we might also be able to control ourselves better, by hurrying less when haste is unnecessary, and most of all, by controlling our voices.

Perhaps keeping our voices low is one of the most important factors in furnishing security in the "jittery" child's and adult's family. We can also regulate the family programme to reduce needless excitement and to encourage the use of radio and television to time only a few minutes.

Certainly in this age of growing speed and excitement, we need to give increasing thought to calming ourselves, down, and thus providing a more serene and comfortable atmosphere for our growing children.

## Ideal for the Young or Old



A FLAT-TOP ROOF GIVES Design H-271-KF contemporary appeal. A colourful planting box fronts the large top-to-bottom picture window. Bedroom windows are placed high. Decorative panels are set on either side of the door, which is sheltered by a wide overhang roof.

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

THE compact contemporary home shown above is an ideal house for either the young couple starting out, or the older folks planning for retirement years.

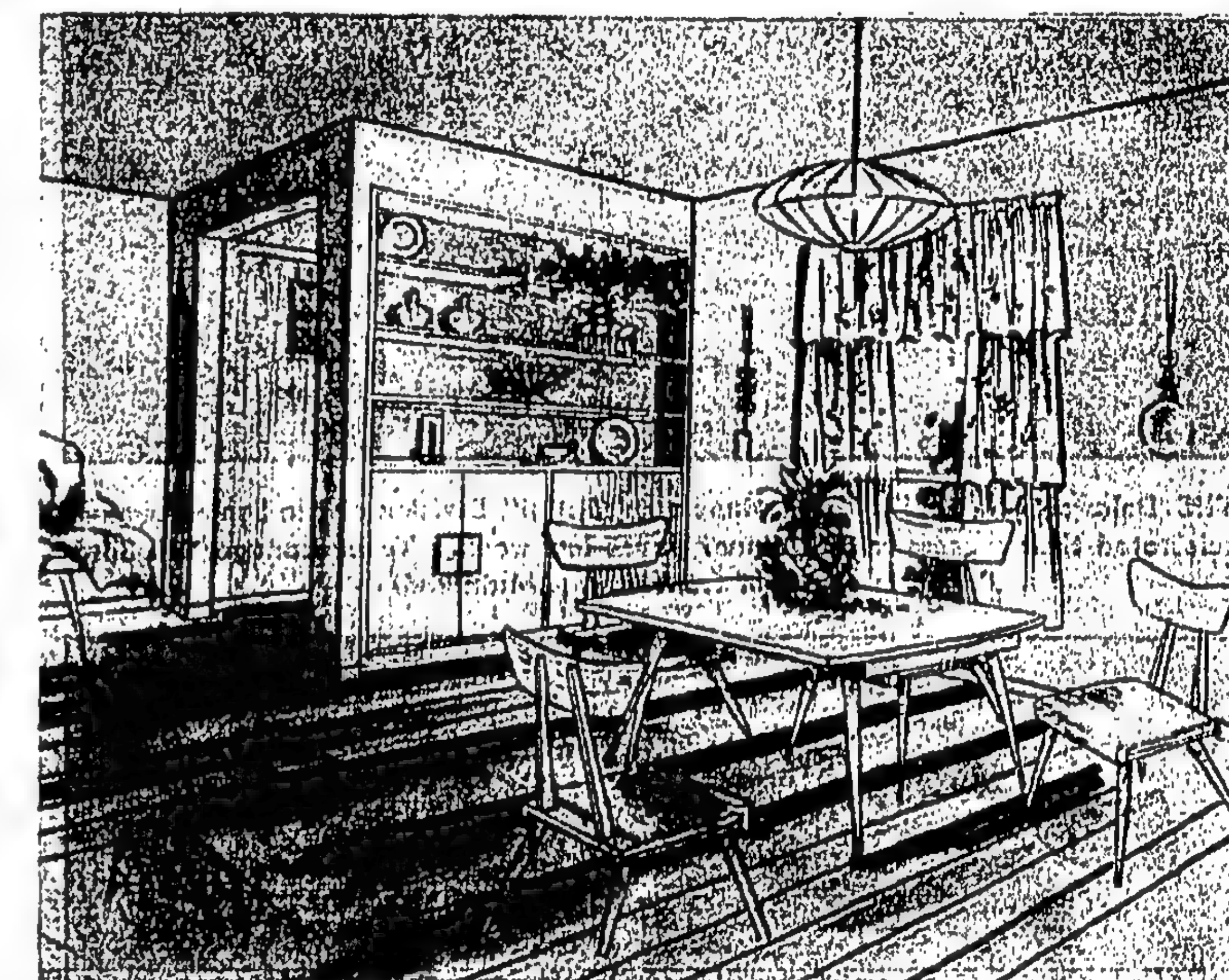
Designed with a flat-top roof, Design H-271-KF gives the effect of hugging the ground. The exterior is distinguished by simple, clean-cut lines and interesting window placement. A top-to-bottom picture window is fronted by a colourful planting box. Note, also, the high bedroom windows raised for privacy and to make possible convenient furniture arrangements. For contrast, dining room windows (at the side) are narrow and long in shape.

### Decorative Panels

The front porch is covered by a wide roof overhang and there are decorative panels on either side of the door.

An entry hall with guest closet leads into the living-dining area. Although this is a small house, the living room is designed to permit a variety of decorative furniture groupings. The dining section has a built-in china cabinet.

A square-shaped kitchen faces the rear of the house, providing a pleasant view of the grounds to cheer the homemaker at her tasks. Counters and appliances are arranged in an L-shape, while a breakfast nook is tucked into a corner away from traffic. The side service exit and a stairway to the basement laundry room are conveniently located just outside the kitchen.



ONE OF THE ECONOMY FEATURES of this home is the built-in china cabinet in the dining section, which forms one wall of the entry hall. Note, too, the narrow and long dining room window.

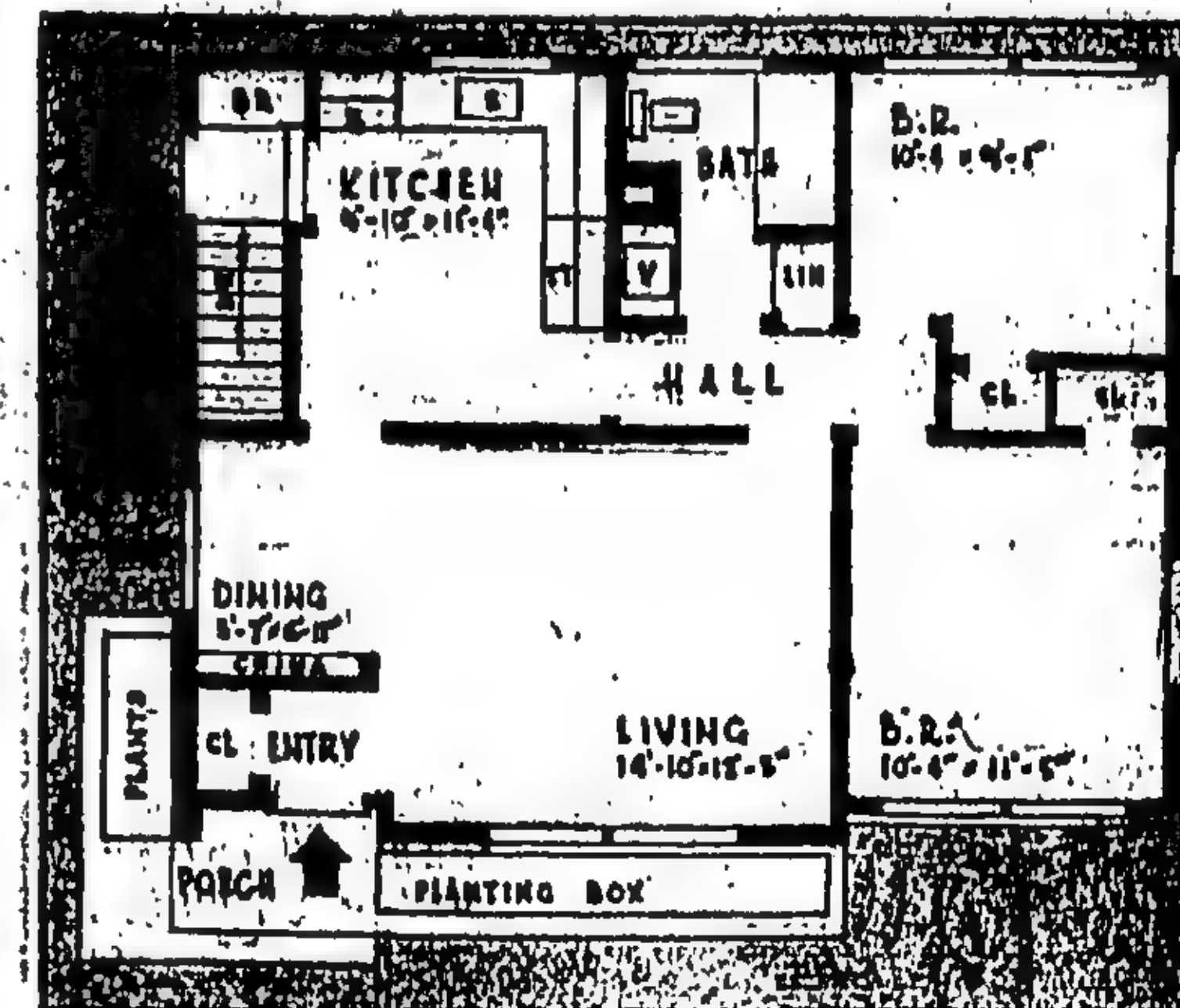
Both bedrooms are on one side of the house, each well lighted by three windows which provide cross ventilation. Closet space is generous.

The bath, in a centre hall, has a built-in vanity counter and a linen closet that opens on the hall and bath.

### Money-Saving Features

Economical highlights of this home are numerous. The absence of a fireplace cuts costs. The use of a china cabinet wall as enclosure for the entry hall is another money-saving feature.

Because of its interesting exterior construction, this home would look especially well on a 45- or 60-foot corner lot. The house comprises 12,088 cubic feet.



THE BEDROOMS, both of which have three windows and generous closets, are conveniently located on the same side of the house.

### Latest Trend in Interior Decoration

## Novel Colour Schemes Have Special Appeal For Young Homemakers

SPACE and colour star in a new group of furniture display settings, with clever use of novel and attractive touches and accessories. Stage decorators when doing interiors these days aim at creating a room which is livable, rather than one that is merely decorative.

They are concentrating on rooms that look like stage settings, not conversation pieces. Of course, there is a balance between the two.

Novel colour schemes such as black and beige

This trend is influenced by young homemakers who show an inclination to depart from the usual blue and green colorings. The black and beige scheme is popular, but in some instances, the furniture is painted in a solid color, such as black, white, or red. The black is repeated in small accessories, such as a black lamp, a black clock, or a black rug.

Black lacquered furniture

room area. Walls and rug are in a delicate apricot shade. A striped orange fabric is used on the chair. The orange repeated together with muted green at the windows. The apricot shade is repeated in textured couch upholstery and both couches have this shade set off by wood wallpaper blocks. Another interesting touch is two brass bird cages on wall brackets.

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## PARADE A COLUMN OF THE UNUSUAL ABOUT PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### WOULD'VE HAD A WORD FOR MARILYN

Members of the Manchester Luncheon Club have been told by no lesser authority than art critic Eric Newton, who spoke to them on "What is the good of art?" that screen actress Miss Marilyn Monroe would have been a hit in ancient Greece.

Mr Newton dwelt on the recent City Council debate which resulted in the Corporation declining to buy sculpture Henry Moore's "The Draped Torso" for £700, which now plays in the city Art Gallery awaiting in-

structions for its disposal to a secret buyer. He said: "If we can only assess the desirability of Mr Moore's work by comparing it with the torso of Miss Marilyn Monroe, we are reducing the assessment of beauty to a sort of mathematical equation. 'I believe quite honestly that when a City Council, which is dedicated to usefulness, begins to argue with a sub-committee dedicated to aesthetics in the matter of the choice of otherwise of a work of art, they forget their terms of reference.'"

Pointing out that it had been said in the council debate that Marilyn Monroe would have "got the bird" in ancient Greece, Mr Newton remarked: "I very much doubt that, think she would have been a great success. Even financially, art is valuable. A picture of Venus by Titian costs more even than Miss Monroe herself, I imagine."

But the Italian Government doesn't want them either. To get over the difficulty, they will be loaned to a charity which will exhibit them and turn the proceeds over to a worthy cause. Most of them are impressions of Vienna. One is a scene from the battle of Stalingrad.

### BEYOND A JOKE

Existentialists (the "couldn't cure less" followers of French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre) are on the run in Greece. By order of the police a local movement called the "Flying Hut" is to be banned. Said one police officer: "At first we thought this Existentialist business was only a joke, with young people dressing up in a funny way and holding mud parties. We found, however, that the parties were nothing but sex orgies under the pretext of dancing."

Discovering this the police started rounding up the Existentialists. They said it was an easy matter. The girls wore chains on their ankles and the men ties made out of twisted newspapers.

### WHISKY TO SWIM IN?

All Belgium is buzzing over the mystery of the shipload of whisky.

The American steamer Oriole arrived in port the other day with 30,000 barrels of whisky—all American rye and bourbon. But nobody knows what it's for. Belgium has semi-prohibition (you can buy spirits in clubs and grocery stores, but not in the bars), and, anyhow, no Belgian would be caught dead drinking rye and bourbon. Thirty thousand barrels is enough to fill a swimming pool, and cynical dockers suggested that that was what the Americans intended to do with it. The captain of the Oriole, Peter Franzen, only laughed and said: "Maybe it's a secret weapon we intend to launch behind the Iron Curtain."

### HOT PICTURES

Nobody wants twenty water-colours painted by Adolf Hitler.

Hitler considered them so valuable that, when the Allied armies were closing in on him, he had them flown by special plane to the Italian Tyrol.

### NEW INSIGHT

A Moscow-edited guide book to Sweden has appeared on the Stockholm bookshelves—and Swedes are learning a few things about themselves they never knew before.

For instance, there is a big clear picture of Stockholm naval base and a string of pictures of the strategic harbours along the Swedish coast.

Military police keep a sharp eye on these places and cameras are strictly forbidden. It is illegal to publish such pictures in Sweden. But the government won't ban the guide book. There's just no point now.

### KEEP OUT

Egyptian teen-agers (under 10) will in future be banned from cinemas and theatres and "other places of amusement." A new law is approved by the Revolutionary Council. Approval would mean fines of up to £800 for a first offence and £1,000 for the second. If that doesn't keep the teen-agers quiet, there will be another law handing the punishment on to their parents.

### THE LAW'S THE LAW

In Paris, the law is the law—and the policemen take it with dead-seriousness.

Moreover, a drunk is a drunk—be he man or dog. So a shaggy mongrel pup who came across a crate of broken bottles and happily lapped up the contents found himself in the cells last week—booked on a drunk charge.

Police let him go when he sobered up. Tolerance, after all, is a French tradition....

### BULL IN HER ROOM

In the Italian town of Varese recently, neighbours saw a young girl in a nightdress lowering herself to the ground from her bedroom window on a rope of knotted sheets. Rushing to investigate the neighbours asked what was the matter. She replied quite calmly: "There's a bull in my room!"

And there was too. It had climbed the stairs and now stuck its head out of the window to see what was happening. Reassured that no one was hurt it came down again.

### POLLY'S ORDERS

Arrested in Seville, Spain, for dangerous driving, Miguel Ramirez found himself on a charge of being under the influence of drink. How else, said the police, could he explain the fact that he entered a one-way street from the wrong end, drove along the pavement and straight into a lamp-post.

Ramirez explained it quite simply. He said he had a parrot sitting next to him on the seat, and he just followed instructions!

## A CAREER GIRL JOINED THE COURT OF KING LOUIS

Madame de Pompadour. By Nancy Mitford. Hamish Hamilton. 15s. 275 pages.

### BOOKS

by GEORGE

MALCOLM THOMSON

THE daughter of Mme. Poisson had almost all the gifts that make a perfect mistress to set before a king—looks, intelligence, financial backing.

When she was nine, a fortune teller said she would reign over a king's heart. From that moment Jeanne Poisson did not doubt in which direction destiny called her.

She was a Parisian bourgeoisie, probably legitimate. One could make cruel jokes about her surname—"Poisson" ("fish"); it counted for little against the fact that her mother's dearest friend was an eminent financier, while a distant cousin belonged to that powerful hereditary caste, the royal body servants.

Intelligent enough to please Voltaire, Jeanne disguised her ability enough to catch the eye of Louis XV, who was easily put off by State business or serious conversation.

Louis had been married to the daughter of exiled King Stanislas of Poland. Stanislas said his wife and his daughter were the two dullest queens in Europe: "One yawns like at Mass." But Louis had given early, prompt and striking proof of his affection; 10 children by the time Louis was 27.

### Learned walking

As the years wore on, the queen grew more pious. On major saint's days she denied her company to her husband.

To Louis it seemed that there were more saints every year.

Too independent-minded for bigotry, Jeanne Poisson was just the friend for poor bored Louis. Soon she was Marquise de Pompadour, with delicious houses, regiments of servants, a flat in Versailles with a private stable.

She learned the special language, walk and preposterous etiquette of the court. As her maid she had an impoverished noblewoman who sat next door with her ear to a funnel, taking down all the king said.

La Pompadour patronised the arts and protected the intellectuals from the worst excesses of clerical zeal. Her doctor was a distinguished deist and free trader. She improved the quality of royal entertainments and introduced a craze for amateur theatricals. One gentleman who sang charmingly was rewarded with the governorship of a province.

She incurred the hatred of the pious Dauphin (Louis's eldest son) who crossed himself every time he passed a theatre. But the greatest benefit she conferred on France was to establish the Savoy china factory.

There was only one flaw. Mme. de Pompadour was a woman of rigid disposition.

### Everything a joke

Realising the dangers of this weakness, should it become known to Louis, she fought against it with a diet of vanilla, truffles and celery. More wisely, her doctor advised her to take more exercise.

Thus handicapped, the Pompadour strove gamely, with wit and charm to hold her supremacy in the most frivolous court in Europe, where everything was a joke, nothing was so amusing as a military defeat for France, and only love affairs were taken seriously.

"I allow you every latitude," said a courtier to his wife, "except footmen and Princes of the Blood."

To amuse Louis was not easy. He knew he was hated. Increasingly immersed in sordid debauchery, he had neither the energy nor the will to reform the absolute monarchy; his only hope was that it would last his time.

Horried by the sight of poverty in Paris, he dismissed 80 gardeners. When it was pointed out that they and their families would starve, he re-

stated them. He had the exasperated feeling that he could never do right.

Nancy Mitford paints, with no excessive display of learning, an entertaining, too sentimental portrait of this hard-headed French career-girl. Mme. de Pompadour was a suitable leader of a heartless, irresponsible, doomed society.

When a huge statue of Louis XV was dragged through the Paris streets to its allotted place it stuck opposite the Pompadour's; the jeering populace did not fail to see the joke. By the time she died, in the odour of sanctity and surrounded by objects that the legend, "Jesu's Saviour," in the Temple of the Fire Baptised, Harlem.

### Sinful preacher

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN. By James Baldwin. Michael Joseph. 12s. 6d. 256 pages.

AS becomes the son of a Negro clergyman, himself a preacher at the age of 4, Baldwin brings wild echoes from revival hymns and Old Testament diction to his story of the Negro boy John Grimes, his troubled adolescence, his discovery of sin, his salvation before the scarlet altar, and the golden cross and the legend, "Jesu's Saviour," in the Temple of the Fire Baptised, Harlem.

Yet the most imposing figure in the book is neither John nor Roy, his half-brother (coming to a bad end), but his stepfather, Gabriel, a violent, sinful, preaching, self-righteous Negro, for ever busy with the Lord's work at the Temple; too free with the buckle-end of his belt at home.

This Negro Elmer Gantry, in his weakness and strength, fear, lust and hypocrisy, fills the foreground of a grim poetic story. In the background is the hostile alien world of the whites.

"Gentlemen," said a famous American novelist, "it behoves us to find out what this coloured part of the world is most articulately saying about us. A slight injection of knowledge may hurt our feelings, but it may save our lives."

Highly articulate, "Go Tell it on the Mountain" hurts no feelings; opens a window on strange lives.

### A pen in cocoa

UNDER MILK WOOD. By Dylan Thomas. Dent. 8s. 6d. 101 pages.

DANGEROUSLY poised on the edge of whimsy, saved by rollicking humour and touches of lyrical beauty, Dylan Thomas' radio play paints the portrait of a Welsh village and its people!

House-proud Mrs Ogmore-Pritchard (widow, twice); Polly Carter, well-named; Orgen Morgan, whose hero is Bach, whose wife is a martyr to music;

Mr Pugh who wears his moustache in memory of Dr Crippen and studies Lives of the Great Poets; the Reverend Eli Jenkins, poet and preacher, finding a rhyme and dipping his pen in the cocoa; and countless others, grave and bawdy.

This fairy tale village of Llancys with its population of 300, is Thomas's most popular creation; it is, unfortunately, his last.

### BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

A girl in America married a policeman who had once arrested her for speeding. A life sentence!

Some women who don't tell their age also don't act it.

Some new hats for the women look better off the face—others off the head.

Rubber bathing suits continue in popularity—maybe because it's so nice to stretch out on the beach.

It's a wise kernel of corn that knows its own pop!

The average man likes clinging gowns, says a stylist. If he's married, he prefers those that cling for years.

Lots of people are deep in debt because they spend what their friends think they make.

A stylist says that women express their sentiments by the clothes they wear. How vague some girls are about it.

According to a political writer, most politicians are dull; and need some effective gag. They want a series of numbers.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

There's Nothing You Can Do About It

BY HARRY WEINERT





# Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail—A "China Mail" Feature

## Radio Hongkong Recital This Evening

### By Cor de Groot

Radio Hongkong has great pleasure in being able to present the distinguished Netherlands pianist, Cor de Groot, in a recital from the Concert Hall at 9 this evening.

De Groot's career was as rapid as it was brilliant, and the foundations of his great reputation were laid immediately on his debut, when he played in Vienna under the conductorship of Willem Mengelberg.

The programme he has chosen for this evening's broadcast is made up of the Sonata Op. 31 No. 2 by Beethoven, and two Spanish pieces by Albeniz.

On Tuesday the Royal couple arrive in Aden, and the same evening at 9.30 Radio Hongkong is putting out a programme called "This is Aden" which describes this colourful place.

After their visit to Aden Her Majesty the Queen and her husband fly to Uganda, and on Thursday at 9.45 p.m. listeners can hear "This is Uganda," a composite picture of Uganda and its people with eye-witness descriptions of a typical large-scale small holding in Buganda.

During their tour of Uganda, Her Majesty the Queen will open the Owen Falls Hydro-Electric Dam on Thursday, at Jinja on the River Nile. A recital of the River Nile ceremony will be broadcast at 10 p.m. on Friday evening.

#### HOUSING BILL

In his Annual Budget speech this year, His Excellency the Governor made reference to the setting up of a Housing Authority to deal with low cost housing schemes in Hongkong.

On Wednesday next, the Housing Bill, embodying the necessary legislation will have its second and third readings in the Legislative Council.

On Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, Radio Hongkong is broadcasting a talk on the Bill by the Honourable H. G. Richards, O.B.E., Chairman of the Urban Council and Chairman also of the new Housing Authority. This talk is being relayed by Rediffusion.

#### NEW RADIO SERIAL

When C. S. Forester wrote his first "Hornblower" story, he probably little realised that his hero would become, in the minds of people all over the world, the symbol of the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic Wars.

Hornblower's career has been dramatised in novel, serial, film and radio play, and for the next ten weeks, he will appear as Captain Hornblower in a new radio serial at 8.30 on Sunday evening.

#### WEDNESDAY THEATRE

A dramatisation of the Golden Age, the picturesque Latin novel by Lucius Apuleius, of the second century, has been adapted for radio and produced by Louis MacNeice, with Alan McClelland as Lucius, the Ass.

This humorous allegory of how a man was turned into an ass is really a moral story, but its popularity since its inception has rested almost wholly on its "pleasant and delectable jests." It can be heard in Wednesday Theatre this week at 9 p.m.

#### SONG RECITAL

The young soprano, Mary Ramsey, who will be remembered by most listeners for her charming recitals in the past, will be in the studio again on Wednesday evening, at 8.30, to sing a group of ballads.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in 31 metre band).

#### Today

12.30 P.M. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

12.35 SONGS FROM THE SHOWS. With Stanley Holloway, Helen Clare, Jack Cooper, Mervyn Baunders, Edmund Hookridge, Billy Tennant and His Concert Orchestra. Presented by John Watt.

1.00 TIME SIGNAL, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1.15 LUNCHTIME MUSIC. Boccaccio—Overture (von Suppe). Vienna Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Rudolf Moralt. Scherzo (from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by P. I. Tchaikovsky). Vienna Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Rudolf Moralt. The programme is broadcast on an old English time for

#### Sunday

6.00 A.M. TIME SIGNAL, PROGRAMME SUMMARY AND WEATHER REPORT.

6.05 MORNING MARCH. HENRY WOOD PROMENADE.

6.10 HENRY WOOD PROMENADE. Male Orchestra.

6.15 HENRY WOOD PROMENADE. Male Orchestra.

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## SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

# What Went Wrong?— But That's The Oldest Question In The Game

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The succession of defeats sustained by our representative side at Singapore has been a great disappointment to the football public in the Colony.

On every side one can hear 'What went wrong at Singapore...?' but in the Midlands of England soccer folks are also asking 'What went wrong with the Albion at Villa Park...?' while in Glasgow—and in fact wherever Scotsmen meet—the question of the hour is 'What has gone wrong with the Rangers?'

It's the oldest question in the game; as old in fact as the game itself. But just as old, is the belief of almost every soccer-interested individual that he knows the answer and that had he been given the chance he could have produced a different result.

Football is a game of hopes and disappointments, wins and defeats, reasons and excuses. Among all the criticism and comment about this unfortunate soccer situation one point has not had the prominence it requires if our representatives are to be fairly judged.

The Hongkong players are now at the end of a long and over strenuous season. No matter who tries to tell us different, they are tired, very tired—players, even if they do not fully appreciate the fact themselves.

The Singapore players, on the other hand, are fresh from their close season. They have rested and re-charged their soccer batteries, so to speak, and in this respect they undoubtedly enjoyed a definite advantage over our players.

Now that is a possible 'reason', not an excuse, for our lack of success. Many people may say that it is an unimportant reason and that the real reason is that the Selection Committee picked the wrong players.

I do not consider we sent our best team... that is a purely personal opinion... but I consider that the team we sent was a good one and fully representative of our available resources.

We have been beaten and our football legislators will pretty certainly give serious consideration to the reports of the team manager and the coach... and no doubt, too, they will find it hard to turn a deaf ear to the criticism that they will hear on many sides.

In this respect I would like to quote from a book written by a famous club manager in England just after he retired. In a passage intended for those, as he called them, 'courageous souls in football management, who might like the benefit of his years of experience, he wrote this: "...victories suppress

shortcomings and sway good judgment; defeats exaggerate the one and confuse the other... then is the time to be wary of critics... they are like signposts; they tell you the way, but few of them would have the courage to follow it themselves because in soccer the destination is always in doubt... Perfect guidance for our Selection.

## ALL-INDIA SERIES

From Singapore the scene shifts back to Hongkong and this week-end we have the All-India Asian Games team to supply international opposition. The visitors will play three games in the Colony.

Today they open their tour in a match against All Hongkong; tomorrow they tackle the Hongkong Selection; and on Tuesday the Combined Chinese will provide the opposition. All three games will take place at the Club Stadium and the kick-off in each case will be at 8 o'clock.

It is impossible to forecast the outcome of these games with any reasonable accuracy for it is difficult to know how our players will react to the recent interport defeats at Macao and Singapore.

It is mere speculation to consider the current form of the visitors although it is well known that the game in India has made considerable strides during the last 20 years.

The Indians have shown themselves to be good players and I have pleasant memories of their fast open style of play.

I believe it was Denis Compton who said that if the officials could persuade the players to accustom themselves to playing in boots they would be capable of entering the highest class of international football with a good chance of success.

The visitors will be opposed by three strong teams and if our players can recapture their early season snap this should be a most interesting series.

With the All-India side dominating the programme no

League games have been arranged but it may well be that efforts will be made to play off some of the outstanding games during the later part of the week.

**THIS WEEK'S TALKING POINT**... The local football world will no doubt be interested in the suggestion by the Australian Soccer Council that an Empire Soccer Carnival should be held in 1955. Not so interesting, however, is the implied suggestion that Hongkong is not worthy of consideration as a participant... especially after the success of the recent Eastern tour in that country. Or are the Australians being conveniently short in their memory...?

## Floodlight Football Is Booming Again

By GEORGE ROBB

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This is so different from the 'swivel-system' of defence which is the almost-invariable rule in England. It operates with the full-backs 'swivelling' round a stopper centre-half.

The term pivot for a centre-half derives from these tactics, and they mean that instead of marking strictly man to man, a full-back must occasionally leave his opponents to back up his colleagues.

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## Who is YOUR H.K. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR?

NEVER before has there been so much public interest in Hongkong soccer than during the season now ending. And never before has the Colony boasted so many talented players—players who have given tens of thousands of soccer 'fans' clever and thrilling exhibitions of their prowess in this greatest of all local field sports.

The China Mail has, therefore, decided to organise among the followers and supporters of local soccer a Gallup Poll to determine, by popular vote,

**Hongkong's Footballer of the Year.**

China Mail readers are cordially invited to fill in the form below, nominating whom they regard as the Colony's outstanding footballer of the current season.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Entries will close on MONDAY, MAY 10.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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room to work in as they would if the backs had been working the "swivel-system."

But danger occurs when the close-marking full-back has not the speed to recover if beaten. That is the great snag of these tactics.

**TOO DANGEROUS**

Full-backs who are slow in recovery are much safer playing the "swivel-system." Only those who are fast can usefully try the new mode.

That, of course, means there

is no likelihood of this particular type of "attacking defence" ever becoming generally adopted. It is far too dangerous for the normal kind of back.

But there is one great thing to be said for it. It is a change from the "stop-them-at-all-costs" kind of soccer which is dedicated to the ostrich-like aim of saving one point, instead of going all out for two. And any move against that deplorable soccer attitude is a welcome one indeed.

(London Express Service)

## SO MODERN TABLE TENNIS WAS EVOLVED

Once upon a time there was a county cricketer and a lawn tennis player who decided that the brand of ping-pong then being played could be stepped-up. So modern table tennis was evolved and, as in so many other sports, Great Britain did the pioneering.

The two old-timers were Fred Perry, later to become Wimbledon Singles Lawn Tennis Champion, and Charlie Bull, the Kent cricketer, fated to be killed in a motor crash... Perry was the first Englishman to win the World's Table Tennis Championship, and, with Bull, won the Men's Doubles.

Thereafter the titles went to the Continentals—mostly Viktor Barna and his Hungarian teammates, until Johnny Leach broke the monopoly—unless you count the naturalised Richard Bergmann an Englishman.

But how Perry and Bull would stare if they could see what is going on in the Wembley Empire Pool now. There the World Table Tennis Championships are again being staged and Japan swept the board in both the Swaythling Cup (men's team championship) and Corbillon Cup (women's event).

The little Asiatics, taught the game principally by the missionary tours of Leach and Bergmann to the Far East, have brought an entirely new technique to the game, and it is practically unbeatable.

**JUST FLEET OF FOOT** Quite simple too. Just fleetness of foot. When Barna, Belok and Szabados—and later the Czechs Vana and Side—crushed into world class the erstwhile "pen-holder" grip fell into disuse. The Japanese have revived this despatch grip with startling results.

Barna has always said that the "pen-holder" grip is vulnerable when the backhand is attacked. The Japanese have the easiest of answers to this theory; by speed about the court they take everything on the forehand!

They were not defeated in one single match until the triangular finals between Japan, Great Britain and Czechoslovakia in the men's event and Japan, Great Britain and Hungary in the women's.

Then Bergmann, by dour defence, won through on two occasions and Diane and Ronald Rowe—once unconquerable twins—succeeded once again by grim defensive action waiting for the aggressive Japs to make mistakes in their hard hitting.

The Wembley Championships also produced a controversial "sponge" bat argument. Soft-surfaced bats slow up the play and kill the spectacle, but Great Britain exploded the idea that the "sponge" bat was the winning way to Championships when she swamped Brazil.

Nevertheless, if crowds are to be attracted to see bright, open play then the "sponge" bat should be barred.

## ALEC BEDSER'S COLUMN

## The Caribbean Butcher May Have To Retire From Test Cricket

I was sorry to hear that Everton de Courcy Weekes, "The Caribbean Butcher" as he is known in the West Indies, may have to retire from Test cricket. He has been having trouble with his thigh muscles and cartilages and will decide in the next few months whether he will be able to carry on in internationals.

The strain of five and six-day Tests is quite enough for a player 100 per cent fit let alone for one with leg handicaps, especially one expected to live up to an extremely high standard of achievement.

That he did so well in the recent series with scores including a double century, 94 and 90 not out, is remarkable.

Trailing light in the famous trio of W—Weekes, Worrell and Walcott—Everton is one of the greatest batsmen of all time and he holds a world record of five consecutive Test centuries. Just think what that means!

I have found him one of the most formidable of batsmen I have bowled against and I shall never forget the look on the face of a colleague of mine when Everton cut his first delivery square to the boundary! Such a thing is not done in English county cricket as Dick Howarth said to me when early in my career I eluded him out of the ground at Worcester!

ONCE HE HAS HIS EYE IN...

Everton was "found" at Barbados bowling leg breaks and owes a lot to John Goddard, the former West Indies captain, who took him under his wing and gave him every encouragement.

A natural games player and the sort of genius who knows no orthodoxy, Everton just cannot be curbed once he has his eye in.

Even if he has to give up playing for the West Indies, Weekes will carry on in the League for Barbados. He has a sports business in England.

I am sure fair-minded cricketers the world over will join me in congratulating Denis Compton on his form in the West Indies. In three successive Tests he made 93, 64 and a century on the Trinidad matting which by all accounts is a killer for bowlers.

Dennis, one of the most popular of all games players, has had a tough time in the last few years.

There was the operation on his knee in 1950 which all but put an end to his career and for long periods he has only been 75 per cent fit.

Little wonder he has had to struggle desperately in the tough warfare of Tests and many have been confidently predicting that his career was nearing its end. They reckoned without the determination of Compton.

He is one of the few players who have actually asked to be dropped from an England side because he was positive he could not do himself or the team justice.

That was in 1952 following the most unhappy phase in Australia where he scored freely in all the matches except the Tests and disappointments became a routine matter.

The longer I am in this fascinating and difficult game the more I am convinced that temperament plays an important part and with a player of Compton's ability failure is often psychological rather than technical.

## Albion—Giants Of The Past

West Bromwich Albion, all set for what promises to be an epic FA Cup Final against Preston North End at Wembley Stadium have an above-average record for the number of 'giants of the game' associated with the Throstles in their 75-years' history.

In the 1850's, when players were often expected to play in various positions, the 6ft. 11in. 14 stone Bob Roberts was a problem, for he seemed to fit nowhere until he was tried in goal. He became known as the "prince of Goalkeepers" and gained two Cup medals with them.

Eight years later the club gambled on playing the middle-aged 16-year-old Billy Barnet in the Cup Final. His wonder passes led to a match-winning goal against Preston N.E. and he remained to become one of the great figures in the club's history, winning three Cup medals and 16 England caps.

There was, too, the fabulous Johnny Reynolds, three times capped for Ireland before he was discovered that Reynolds was

Though I have not been to the West Indies I have been kept informed by colleagues and have been quite prepared for Compton's success there. One wrote me: "Watch out for Compton being in the runs from about Barbados onwards." And that is exactly how it worked out.

At Barbados he made 93 in the second innings of the second Test, 64 in the third Test at British Guiana, followed by a century in the fourth on the matting at Trinidad.

## ONE OF THE ENIGMAS

One of the enigmas of the MCC tour of the West Indies was the record of Willie Watson who like Compton in Australia in 1950-51 made a stack of runs in the first-class matches but few in the Tests.

Watson made a century in the

first Test at Jamaica and a string of low scores in the second, third and fourth Tests and at Trinidad was the victim of a wonder catch by Denis Atkinson off a hit which would normally have been four runs. But that's the way it goes and "the hero of Lord's" will have his turn again.

Sympathy goes to my colleague from Surrey, Jim Laker, hit in the eye by a bumper. It is always unfortunate when accidents of this nature happen for they tend to become distorted and out of perspective.

I have always believed, however, that the tail-end batsman should be spared bumpers because he is not likely to have either the time to get out of the way or the ability to hit the ball.

## Rangers To Reorganise

By BRUCE SWADEL

Here is news of the unhappiest club in British football.

Rangers—the team buried under a load of condemnation—ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Confidently I predict that in a very short time we shall hear of changes in the Ibrox management. They keep their business to themselves at Copland Road but these things I do know:

Mr Bill Struth will not be leaving Rangers. Whatever changes are made, he will remain as a director of the club. The new manager will be one with experience—a proved success as a team builder and disciplinarian.

The Ibrox purse strings are being loosened. Before another season is out every regular Rangers supporter will be able to watch his team from under cover.

Plans are in hand to extend the present stadium enclosure to that along with the stand, there will be a "roof" over 40,000 spectators.

But looking after the fans is clearly going to be a much easier job than looking after the team.

## TREMENDOUS TASK

A tremendous task faces the new "boss".

He will have to renovate the moral morale of the club. He will have to watch both first and second teams with the most critical of eyes to spot all the deficiencies and decide on all the repairs that can be made with material inside the club.

Because the Rangers wealth is so well known he will, when he does go on the transfer market, have to be very sure of his man before he recommends buying.

Because all Britain, as well as the Ibrox support, expects it, he will have to put Rangers

back on top... and keep them there.

Where is this Supremo to be found? My bet is that he will be a former Rangers player.

Scot Symon has already been discussed as a "possibible". But the man who has taken Preston to the English Cup final will not be easily persuaded to leave Deepdale before he has completed a year there.

I can imagine the men in charge at Ibrox have looked enviously towards Hibs and Swansea, whose managers—both former Rangers players—are among Britain's most successful in recent years.

## PERILOUSLY CLOSE

True, Billy McCandless's Swansea are perilously close to relegation right now. But the same Billy won them promotion five years ago—after having done the same for Cardiff in 1947 and Newport in 1950.

Hugh Shaw, of course, steered Hibs to League Championships in 1948, 1951, and 1952.

Other names, I don't doubt, have been discussed within the Ibrox marble halls. The outcome of these discussions must not be long delayed.

I would like to feel an appointment to meet people as an amateur cricketer who captained Derbyshire for eight seasons. He played for, and against, the famous W. G. Grace more often than any other living player.

He could scarcely wish for a happier way of meeting his new and troubled "family".

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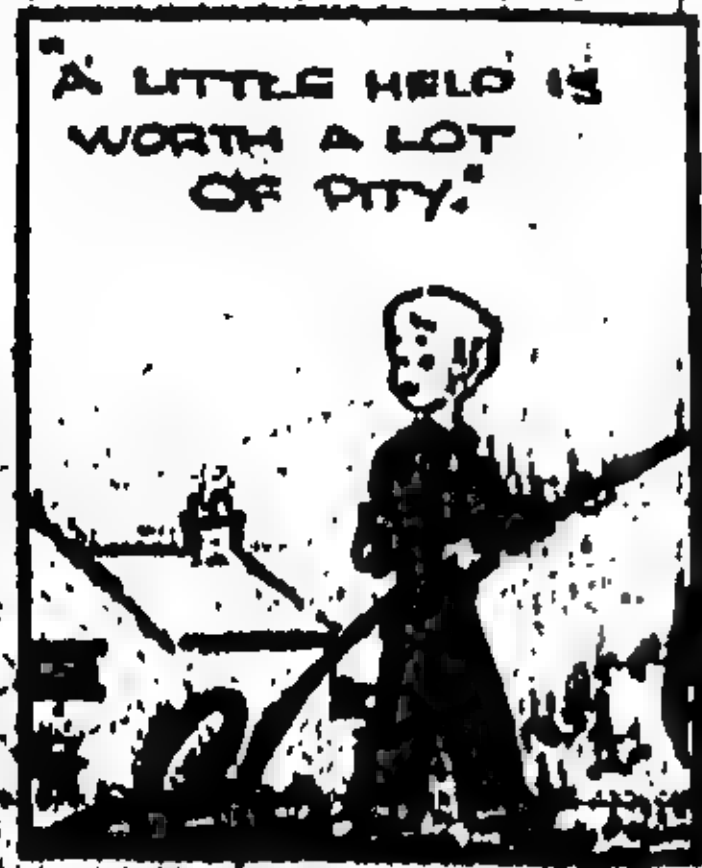
## He Nearly Killed The Archbishop

Still a hale and hearty 75 is A. E. "Bertie" Lawton, best known to most people as an amateur cricketer who captained Derbyshire for eight seasons. He played for, and against, the famous W. G. Grace more often than any other living player.

As a lad of nine, throwing a cricket ball, he nearly killed young Geoffrey Fisher, now Archbishop of Canterbury. Later he made 15 business trips to America and then dabbled in pearl fishing, once declining an offer to manage the pearling fleet of "Bertie", the cricketer, Sam Bahls of Newsworld.

It was Bertie who did the commentary on the first Test between England and Australia. He was the first to suggest that the great J. G. D. Morgan in 1900.

## POP





## BRITAIN'S TOP TWO



Gordon Pirie, 23-year-old wonder runner, and Miss Pat Smythe, the horsewoman, pictured after receiving their trophies as Britain's two leading sports personalities at the Savoy Hotel, London. Pirie was elected "Sportsman of the Year" and Miss Smythe was chosen "Sportswoman of the Year" in a national ballot.—Reuterphoto.

## SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

## HE'S ICE-COLD AND HAS A GRAND EYE FOR PUBLICITY

By ARCHIE QUICK

Cool and collected as ever Gordon Pirie faced a distinguished audience of celebrities from every branch of sport at London's Savoy Hotel when he received the "Sportsman of the Year" trophy with the same unruffled calm with which he faces track opponents.

This is quite the most remarkable sporting gathering of the year and Pirie is quite the most remarkable character in sport. He has no nerves, and this bank clerk from a London suburb greets everyone from lords to nonentities as equals while at the same time giving the impression that he has something which you have not got. Which, of course, he has.

Pirie, just 23, strode into the Savoy, washed his hands and gave his record statistics to Lord Aberdare with an assured air. Lord Aberdare, better known as C. N. Bruce, the wisecracking cricketeer and greatest of all jockeys' players, said to me afterwards: "That's a cool one."

Pirie is ice-cold, a man with a grand eye to publicity and as he said in his speech, "my hobbies are training, running and winning." He always does win, even in the London to Brighton Relay the previous Saturday he came from behind and gave South London Harriers such a lead at the end of his "leg" that they could hardly lose for the first time in the club's history.

## "PUT BRITAIN ON TOP"

At the Savoy there was everyone you could name in football, cricket, golf, athletics, boxing, lawn tennis, table tennis and Pirie gave them this

## SPORTS SURVEY

By "All-Rounder"

WEMBLEY VETERAN WILL BE THERE AGAIN... Specially invited by North End to go to the Wembley Cup Final with the club's official party to see the tussle against West Bromwich Albion is "Bob" Holmes, who will be 87 a month later.

Preston-born, he first played for North End as a 17-year-old youth and was destined to appear seven times for England at full back, captain of his country against Ireland and share in the triumph which brought the unique Preston "Invincibles" the double honour of winning the Cup and League in one season.

He has the gold medal the F.A. gave him after North End had defeated Wolves in the 1909 Cup Final at Kennington Oval, where the year before Preston sensationally lost their Final against West Bromwich Albion.

The Medal is about the size of a shilling. The last, says Bob, "not meet." Three of his early international caps are as unpretentious—in purple velvet, no tassel or braid, just a rose and the date worked on them in gold or silver thread.

One of his caps is inscribed 1891-2-3, a rare prize. It was given to four players who had helped to beat Scotland in each of those years.

## THE OLD BOYS

The recent England v. Scotland schoolboys international match at Wembley brought a pleasant re-union of old England school-boys "caps" who went on to earn full honours in senior football.

Ronnie Dix, Albert Goldard, Len Goulden, Willie Evans and Ted Fenton spent a long time together swapping yarns of past matches in which they received junior honours. Goulden and Fenton are now managers of Watford and West Ham respectively. Dix and Goldard are in business, and Evans is engaged in journalism.

The English Schools FA list 22 capped boys who later became full internationals. Their names, which will bring back many memories, with their schools association indicated, are: J. Barrett, West Ham; C. Bastin, Exeter; Raich Carter, Sunderland; H. Chambers, Tynemouth; Warney Cross, South Shields; R. Dix, Bristol; S. Earle, West Ham; W. Ellerington, Sunderland; E. Fenton, West Ham; A. Grimsdell, Watford; J. Hogan, Washington; E. Kail, S. London; Stanley Matthews, Stoke; L. Medley, Tottenham; J. Mullen, Newcastle; Len Shackleton, Bradford; P. Taylor, Bristol; J. Townrow, West Ham; R. York, Birmingham; and A. Quixall, Sheffield.

## TRACTION ENGINE IS "DERBY" FAVOURITE

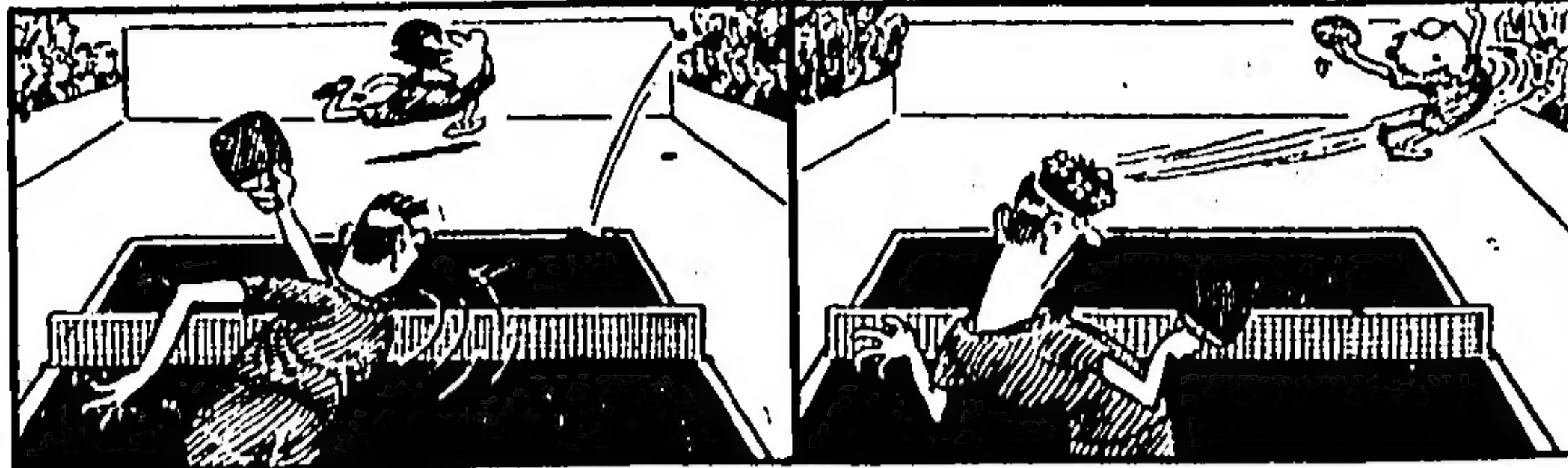
Following the tremendous popularity of the Traction Engine Derby held at Pickering, Yorkshire, last summer, plans are being made to stage a similar event next August.

The current favourite is Old Glory, last year's winning engine, driven by Mr E. Mortimer and Mr Wardle. Strong challenge comes from four Fordson Major tractors entered by four friends of Old Glory's owner, Mr Les Lazenby.

Further challenges are indicated, and all will be accepted by Mr Lazenby and his intrepid crew of drivers. Another on the list of Pickering goings-on will be a women's competition of threading a needle through a haystack. The prize will be a piece of gold.

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## SPORTS ROUND-UP

## SOLOMONS IS WORKING ON A 3-C SHOW AT THE WHITE CITY ON JUNE 1

Promoter Jack Solomons is working on a 3-C show for his open-air promotion at London's White City on June 1. British Featherweight Champion Ronnie Clayton will defend his title against Stepney's Sammy McCarthy. Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell is expected to launch his impressive bulk against an American.

And C-star fighter No. 3 looks like being Frenchman Robert Cohen, the European Bantamweight Champion, who outpointed Scot Eddie Carson in Glasgow recently. Cohen is so popular with British promoters that the easiest part of his job is fighting and the hardest trying to fit in all the offers he receives.

But, if certain minor obstacles can be negotiated, he will box Billy "Spider" Kelly, of Derry, for Solomons over ten rounds at 121b.

## CAR RACING

Enzo Ferrari's new 2½ litre racing car, built specially for this season's Formula 1 events, will race for the first time in Britain at the International Daily Express Trophy Meeting at Silverstone, on May 15.

At least two models will compete—the Formula 1 racer and one of Ferrari's latest sports cars.

The drivers? Says Ferrari: "I cannot say right now, it depends how my team perform in previous events. I shall send only the fastest against such tremendous opposition."

The "tremendous opposition" includes two of the new Italian Maserati Formula 1 cars, driven by British stars Stirling Moss and Roy Salvador.

Germany, competing in the 1954 Olympics, is leaving nothing to chance. A team of West German athletes is visiting Melbourne in November. Its main mission is to gain experience of conditions expected to be encountered during the Games. The German team will be in Melbourne from November 22 to December 8.

John Landy, Australia's Mile Champion, leaves Melbourne for Finland at the end of the month. He expects to arrive in Finland on May 5 to compete there and in other countries on the Continent. From there Landy will go to Vancouver for the Empire Games in July. He may then return to Europe for more track events.

## TENNIS INVASION

Maureen Connolly, Wimbledon Ladies' Champion for the past two years, is expected to make her first appearance of the season at the Bournemouth Hard Court Championships commencing April 26.

Miss Doris Hart is a definite starter and so is Kurt Nellesen, the Dane, who finished runner-up in the men's singles at Wimbledon.

Hungary is training a pool of 40 players for the World Football Cup series in June. "Only those who will be taken on who are fast and in good condition," said Gyula Mandi, coach of the national team. "The World Championship tournament is no child's play. We shall enter only those play-

ers able to stand up under the three weeks' strain."

At present the players are training in selected groupings, without being withdrawn from their regular clubs.

Mr Mandi said the match against England on May 23 will be "an enormous test of strength," and West Germany would be "a strong and difficult opponent" in the World Championship.

"But, win or lose, we shall do all we can to make friendship the real victor in our matches," Mr Mandi said.

(London Express Service)

## Freedom Is Best Of The Early Two-Year-Olds

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

While it is still early for the appearance of any top-class two-year-olds, those who have been out to date appear well above average for the time of year.

Lord Rosebery and his trainer, Jack Jarvis, have had three winners in Lark, Aberlady and Freedom, all fillies.

Freedom is considered by the best of these, and would be unanimously acclaimed the best two-year-old seen out to date.

There is not much of this daughter of Tudor Minstrel, but she gallops to some purpose and raced home unchallenged.

Her dam, Liberty, is a full sister to Blue Peter, so Freedom has all the best blood in the stud book. It should be some time before Freedom is beaten, and her next race is likely to be the Sandown Stud Produce Stakes in a fortnight's time.

DIFFICULTY

The chief difficulty in assessing the merit of any two-year-old is in the quality of the field it beats. Freedom finished seven lengths in front of the Forty-Five, who had won pretty comfortably at Nottingham.

The Duchess of Norfolk's Prestige was certainly a bargain at 600 guineas. He is the only two-year-old to have won twice to date. At Windsor it was a long time before he settled down to defeat the opposition pointers.

Prestige and another easy Windsor winner, Malcomia, are by the French sire, Sayani, who put up a weight-carrying record when winning the Cambridgehire here as a three-year-old.

Malcomia could not have won more easily and she cannot be far behind Freedom at present. In addition, Malcomia is likely

## IMPRESSIVE

At Leicester, Sprinter's Luck was particularly impressive and he will be a strong challenger to Prestige as the best of the colts seen.

Spinster's Luck got the trip well in the heavy going and, after taking the lead at half-way, was hardly out of a canter for the rest of the journey.

There is plenty of Spinster's Luck and I shall expect to see him make further improvement.

For the present I like Spinster's Luck best of the colts and Freedom best of the fillies. While Freedom must be given pride of place over them all, if the two-year-olds seen out so far are an indication of the future, I think this year's two-year-olds will be a high-class lot.

(London Express Service)

## Warwickshire's New Wicket

Warwickshire cricketers have already been out training for the coming season at Edgbaston on the new bitumen wicket presented to the club by their Supporters' Association.

This wicket—"symbol of what Warwickshire's supporters hope to do for cricket in general and the county club in particular," says their chairman, Mr M.F.K. Fraser—is an all-weather surface ideal for early-season practice.

It should prove a tremendous help to the players in this pre-season when the turf wickets are often unsuitable for practice, having the advantages of turf without its disadvantages.

All the County's playing staff, except Dick Spooner, have reported for training, although Phil Bromley will be a week or two before he can get properly into action, owing to damaging a finger while playing rugby.

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CASH SWEEPS

11th Race Meeting — 1st & 8th May, 1954.

Through Tickets for the above Race Meeting may be purchased per day or for both days. If purchased per day the cost is \$30, or \$40 for both days.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MISA, Secretary.

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**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ELEVENTH RACE MEETING**  
Saturday 1st May & Saturday 8th May, 1954.  
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)  
THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES.  
The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. each day.  
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. each day.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.  
Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.  
Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).  
NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.  
Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.  
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

**SERVANTS**  
Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

**CASH SWEEPS**  
Through Tickets may be purchased per day or for both days of the Meeting. If purchased per day the cost is \$20, or \$40 for both days.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets. The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Through Cash Sweep Tickets may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Agular Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on 1st May.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th May, 1954, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 7th May at—  
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.  
5, D'Agular Street at 5.00 p.m.  
Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

## TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MISA, Secretary.

## THE WEEK-END GAMBOLS... By Barry Appleby



## What is Cadyl?

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Tourney Will Show Great Bridge Plays

NORTH (D) 19	
♠ K J 10	♥ 8 5 4 3
♦ A 10 8 6 5	♣ K 7 4 2
WEST EAST	
♠ K 7 6 2	♠ 5 4
♥ Q 10	♥ 8 5 4 3
♦ A 10 8 6 5	♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 9 8	♣ 9 8
SOUTH	
♠ A 9 8 3	♠ 5 4
♥ K 5 4	♥ 8 5 4 3
♦ Q J 7 3	♦ K 7 4 2
♣ K J 3	♣ 9 8
Both sides vul.	
North East South West	
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass	
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass	
Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦ 6	

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in the national tournament at the Dallas Convention Center, the South players managed to go down at three in Trump. Nobody would go down if he could see all the cards. The South players don't have the advantage in actual play.

At the bridge table, the West player opened the bidding with one diamond. East, who had the king of diamonds, returned the king. South, who had the ace of diamonds, returned the ace. Then, after a few more tricks, the South player took the queen from the South hand.

Declarer could now take the king and ace of hearts, the king and ace of spades, and then a few more tricks. The South player, who had the king of hearts, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of spades, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of clubs, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of diamonds, returned the king.

Should South take a spade finesse, or should he rely on a club finesse? The South player, who had the king of diamonds, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of hearts, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of spades, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of clubs, returned the king. The South player, who had the king of diamonds, returned the king.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

BORN today, you are a rather rare combination of the reckless, inquisitive individual who knows enough to go ahead the moment an idea strikes, yet who has the caution and the strong self-discipline to bide your time. The net result is that most of your projects prosper beyond the average. You seem to be made for a comfortable, competent success without making too much apparent effort on your part.

You are considerate of others, sympathetic to their plans and co-operative with all who work with you. In fact, you are one of those persons who seem to be the "solid citizen" that one admires and so rarely finds. The kind to make the world go 'round!

Your personal magnetism and sense of humor make you the life of any circle to which you belong and you are just enough of a leader to fit in at the right moment when emergency strikes. People like to come to you with their confidences because they will know they are safe with you. Your advice is highly thought of and people may come from far and near to seek you out. Impulsive in love and romance, take care when selecting your marriage partner.

Among those who were born on this date are: Marie Corelli, novelist; Blanche Ring, actress; Cyril Maude, Jack Hulbert, Leslie Howard, actors; Thomas Addis Emmet, Irish patriot; Santos Dominguez, aviator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)**—Enjoy yourself in the company of close friends. They can bring real joy into your life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**—Participate in the church of your choice will bring you that much-needed spiritual uplift.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**—If at all possible, get outdoors into the country. Build up your health, dig in a garden, take a long hike.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—Let nothing worry you today. Take a rest from workday cares, and relax thoroughly. It will do you good.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)**—Plan to spend the evening in the company of congenial friends. Social contacts are good for you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)**—Charity attendance should come first. Then, afterwards, plan a restful, relaxing day of recreation.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)**—Perhaps this is a day when you can spend time in the flower garden. If you live in the country.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)**—Mental as well as physical rest is necessary. Seek spiritual guidance. If somewhat perplexed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)**—Keep yourself well-informed on subjects which will be useful to you, especially those allied with the arts and letters.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**—If your spirits are lagging, seek inspiration from your usual Sunday devotion.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)**—Do a little self-searching. Weigh assets against liabilities and make your future plans accordingly.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)**—You may need all your adaptability to adjust yourself to a sudden turn of events. Make the change pleasantly.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)**—Check all information which is supposed to be secret and confidential before acting upon it.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)**—Only do those things that will give you personal pleasure today. Sometimes that is a good ideal.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)**—It is better today to compromise on non-essentials, rather than make an issue all out of proportion to the subject.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)**—Make an early show of energy this morning and you can accomplish a great deal at the office or at home.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)**—If you are planning a really early vacation this year, it may be time to start making serious plans!

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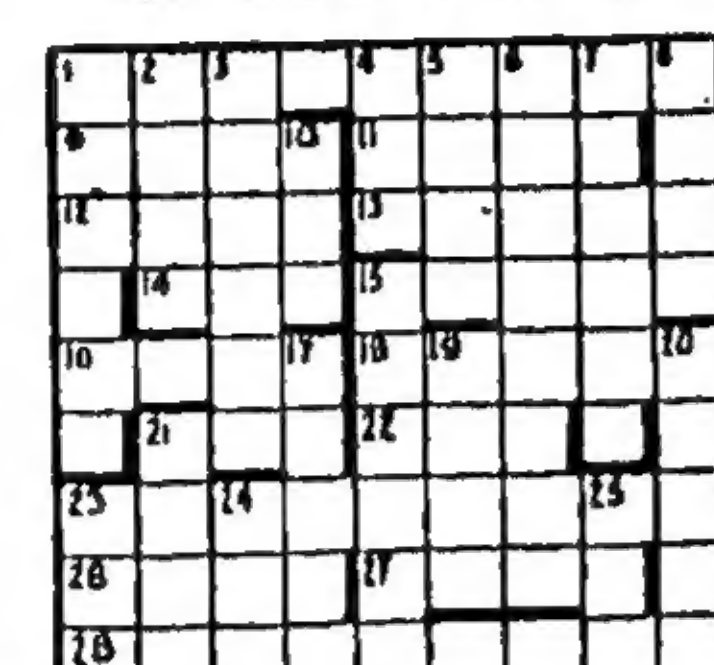
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## DUMB BELLS



## Crossword



Across  
1. An arch or a program, may be this (10)  
9. Fear you may pay weekly (4)  
11. Graciously—said French too (4)  
12. The last part of the tense (4)  
13. A running road, down this (10)  
14. You never say it (3)  
15. The daisy's name, a soldier (5)  
16. One hundred, little editor, to the East (4)  
17. The middle one of three lights (5)  
18. Clipping on the stage (3)  
19. If you're all at this, you're muddled (3)  
20. You can knock her down, without interference from the law (4)  
21. You're to be landed, this is as good a place as any (4)  
22. As a painted ship (4)  
23. Laden with goods to be having trouble with his parcels (5)  
Down  
1. Kind of 1941-18 warfare (5)  
2. You can, obviously—you're just doing it (4)  
3. This kind of story gives all the details (10)  
4. Plausible seagull? (3)  
5. I ask you! (4)  
6. You're in this game (4, 4)  
7. Money one need not necessarily be Scottish (4)  
8. Clamor, no credit (4)  
9. You hope to get a long way from something more (8)  
10. Spine a cinema ticket? (4, 2)  
11. Something more (8)  
12. Field by the river for a hobby drink (4)  
13. Betrayed without a honey (4)  
14. Cromwell knocked it about (4)  
15. The middle of the caper (3)  
16. A poor fish may get 28 across (4)  
17. A way from the wind (3)

Solution to check yesterday's puzzle  
1. AMERICAN  
2. SITUATION  
3. CIRCUMSTANCES  
4. LAURENCE  
5. SLEAZEBAG  
6. SLEAZEBAG  
7. SLEAZEBAG  
8. SLEAZEBAG  
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WHAT'S HIS LINE?  
Re-arrange the letters of this name—  
**SLIM RAFT**  
—to find his occupation.

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A VERY careful definition of what constitutes a flower is to be given before the final plans for the Woking Battle of Flowers are made.

In the excitement of the moment last year vegetables were thrown, and the Flower Queen, Gertrude Hoopes, was stunned by a spent cabbage-stalk. Miss Sloper said yesterday: "It is one thing to have one's cheek lightly brushed with a deftly aimed violet, but quite another to have one's nose made to bleed by a bang from an old potato. I was present at Woking when Miss Hoopes was knocked off her feet in the farm-cart by a handful of fish. She fell backwards, cannoned off the Spirit of British Farming, and frightened the horse."

Plumed helmets for gas men

In certain parts of the Midlands gas inspectors are to be given uniforms, to distinguish them from burglars. I hope they will be very gaudy uniforms, like those of Balkan generals in the old musical comedies. This would encourage the young to take up gas as a career, especially if the inspectors marched along the streets with their own bands. Talking of uniforms, the Clam

of Chowdah, when he was on a visit here, was mistaken for a film-theatre commissionaire. Asked by a lady to call her a taxi the Clam gave the blood-curdling Chowdah war-cry, and was at once arrested for being drunk and disorderly. As a result, the Government lost the Chowdah beetroot concession.

Training young drivers

THE introduction of the American sport of "stock-car racing" is most opportune. The young people who find it so exciting to smash up cars and overturn them will make a welcome addition to our roads. And those who are bored with road-safety campaigns and lessons in road sense will welcome this relaxation. The caption to an American picture returns to my mind, "Smash him, honey, the lights are with us."

The Clutchmore filter

A well-nigh incredible machine for filtering marine glue. It has no valve, and is controlled by a popper under the baggie point.



## Racketeers Thrive On France-India Row

By JACK SENN

FIVE French townships, their whitewashed houses standing out against the bright green of paddy fields, cling precariously to the coast of India. At the northern end of the chain is Chandernagore. Mahe marks the other end, on the west coast. Between them lie Yanam, Pondicherry and Karikal.

Just 200 square miles in all. And a population of only 353,000. But to France the names of these towns have often spelt trouble during the past two and a half centuries.

In the old days, British admirals and generals made life difficult for the French colonists. Today, India's Pandit Nehru casts covetous eyes on the French possessions. Paris politicians are having to switch some of their attention from the life and death battles at Dien Bien Phu. Of course, Pondicherry and the rest of French India is an older problem than Dien Bien Phu.

Already the French have made it clear that they are prepared to help in finding a reasonable solution for their Indian possessions. A plebiscite among the people concerned was, they suggested, the answer.

But Nehru would not play when politics in French India were bedevilled by violence and corruption. Because of the differing customs arrangements of India and the French possessions, a powerful smuggling racket had been set up—India's disadvantage—and, he argued, the top men in the racket were powerful enough to swing a plebiscite the way they wanted—away from India.

It was then that Nehru began to think about annexation.

The result was an attempt at conciliation. The French municipal councils passed a merger—without plebiscite resolution; it was approved by the local Ministers in Council and forwarded by the French Commissioner.

In Paris, the French Government, though harassed by events in Indo-China and tensions nearer home, vetoed the plan. The French Constitution, said the Government, expressly forbade transfer without plebiscite.

The ball was back at India's feet again—with no sign of change in Nehru's attitude. Although the Indian Premier's idea about the influence of the top men in the smuggling racket is exaggerated, he is right about them in one way. The last thing they want is a merger between India and the French towns.

France may be worried. Nehru may be indignant. But the smugglers have never had it so good. A contributing factor has been the high protective tariffs and prohibition laws introduced by the neighbouring Madras administration that created just the sort of market the smugglers wanted.

Not a night passes without dhow, clipper and sampans gilding secretly into hidden coves to dump their contraband. And in this racket almost anything goes—anything from gold and diamonds to bicycles and fountain pens.

Even the most credulous might wonder why, as has been reported, a little place like Pondicherry has to import £1,339,000 worth of diamonds in the course of twelve months.

## RECORDS:

## LEROY HOLMES SERIES

LEROY Holmes, one of America's most underrated band leaders, pays tribute to other button wielders in his latest M-G-M L.M., "The Great Ones."

The songs recorded by Holmes are trade marks of such as Count Basie ("One O'Clock Jump"), Glenn Miller ("Tuxedo Junction"), Artie Shaw ("Back Bay Shuffle"), Duke Ellington ("Take the A Train"), Woody Herman ("Woodchoppers Ball") and Tommy Dorsey ("Boogie Woogie").

Holmes plays all of these pop classics, plus two others, as though they were written for him. There is no attempt at imitation.

Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra (RCA-Victor) have cut a couple of LP's designed for the teen-age crowd and home dancing. Strictly college stuff, "Freshman-Sophomore Frolics" and "Junior-Senior Prom," 16 eminently danceable tunes played in the style associated with Glenn Miller, (singing reeds with a lot of brass chatter in the background).

Another fine terpsichorean achievement is a 12-inch LP entitled "Dance With Les Brown" (Columbia). It contains 12 tunes, including only a couple of standards ("People Will Say We're in Love" and "Star Dust"). Then others are off-rail tunes that Brown has dressed up nicely.

Best buy: "Curtain Call," volume six in Decca's series of recorded encores from the good old days. This album contains two songs made famous by each of four artists—Connie Boswell ("Stormy Weather" and "Martha"), Ella Fitzgerald ("A-Tisket A-Tasket" and "Un-decided"), Frances Langford ("Baltimore Oriole" and "You've Never Been Blue") and the late, great Mildred Bailey ("Rockin' Chair" and "Georgia on My Mind").

Top in Jazz: Kid Ory's Creole Jazz Band, 1953 (Good Time Jazz). This is a superb high-fidelity recording, offered at a bargain basement price, of eight New Orleans songs, including "South Rampart Street Parade" and "Creole Love Call." Highly recommended to serious jazz fans.

Show Time: Eight songs from Paramount's "Red, Garter" movie, starring Rosemary Clooney, Jack Carson and Guy Mitchell (Columbia). "Hillbilly Hit," "I've Got My Heart on a Badge" and "You're Laffing Me" by Ernie Lee (M-G-M).

—WILLIAM D. LAFFLER

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